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DOCUMENTS AND LETTERS.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Whitehall Jan^{ry} 29th 1684

S^r

My long silence has been occasioned by variety of busines & absence from London & by marriing to supply the losse I had of a very good wife in N. Eng^d I am now to trouble you in this, with what would have been the subject of many. Since my last I wrote upon my return from Holland. Inclosed is a paper which purfuant to your thoughts I prepared & addressed to severall of y^e Lords of y^e Councill. & attended my Lord Keeper L^d P. Seale L^d Clarendon & divers others of their Lordf^{hs} but I find them inclining to forbear to referr the succeffe of all to the Gov^{rs} manage. I have with the assistance of my worthy freind M^r Blathwayt sumd up my whole adventures & charges in my N. Eng^d expedition in a Narrative which about 10 dayes ago I presented to the Lords

of y^e Committee- (an abstract whereof I also inclose) their Lordf^{ps} reviewed it with a great sence of my paines. & the next Councill day reported to his Ma^{tie} who was pleased to give me a favourable recommendation to y^e Treasury: I daily expect the issue & hope it will passe there. in regard I have not putt down halfe what I have expended. lost. & might very reasonably charge in so great & tedious an undertaking. I make very little hast to take out my Commission for Secretary fearing after my charge, the profitable part will be managed by y^e Gov^{rs} Sec^{ry}: besides I foresee that I am like to be very uneasy: for by letters lately received from my freinds in Boston I am advised that all the mischeifes which are expected to befall them are all laid to my charge & what will not a discontented people endeavour to bring upon a person who has little or no countenance from y^e Gov^r who to gratifye a freind may be induced to side with my enemies: I heare the Bostoners have drawn up an addresse to his Ma^{tie} & sent it to their Soliciter M^r Humphreyes to present, but he has done nothing in it. they expresse great Duty. would perswade his Ma^{tie} they have been all along misrepresented. desire to know y^e cause & pray tyme to give his Ma^{tie} satisfaction. which they question not but to do to their great advantage. Some tyme since I putt in the names of very honest & the best men of estates in Boston Colony. to be of y^e Councill. I heare they are recommended to the Gov^r who may either admitt or refuse them according to his own pleasure. I know none of them will come to heare divine service. which may be a sufficient ground to sett them aside: & I know not but that he will chuse in his officers & such Gent^l who go over in hopes of making their fortunes.

fortunes. in to places of trust & credit & then you may expect to heare of disturbance or that the men of estates will want the place. I discourse this as his opinion upon the Case of y^e Corporation of Colchester: who differing & articing against some persons lately putt in y^e Magistracy: upon a hearing last Councill Day: it did appeare that as well the complainants as y^e defend^{ts} were equally guilty of Countenancing Conventicles upon which Cott Kerk said twould never be well till that town was governed by military men: That matter was referd to y^e D. of Albemarl to compose & all were continued in their places. except their Town Clerk: & twas necessary it should be so. in regard that whole town filld with factious people.

Complaints are still increased from N. Hampshire of the most arbitrary nature that I have heard of, their Gov^r pretending to be very zealous to preserve that his Ma^{tie} Gom^t: has imprisoned some who mett together to execute the will of the deceased & to dispose of a considerable estate. but M^r Cranfeild charged them with conspiring ag^t y^e Gom^t & imprisoned them because they would not purge themselves by an oath which he tendred them: he has ruined M^r Mason by getting him to settle upon him 150^{lb} a year to be paid out of the proffitts of his lands to support the Gom^t upon which M^r Mason has made over his province for yeares. & unlesse M^r Cranfeild acquitting the place releive M^r Mason. I know not but in tyme this charge may swallow up M^r Masons whole expectations: he writes me. that he has relieved himself from all publick busines: & the little trade of vending boards from y^e Saw mills in Pascataqua River is clog'd with a duty of 1^s p 1000 ffoot of Boards. & some he forces to
pay

pay 2^s y^e thousand foot: which now keepes out of that River small Boates. which trade only in Boards. as his other exactions has quite destroyed that trade here which was carried on by shippes & vessells of good Burthen: I heare hee intends to make use of the benefitt of y^e Order of Councill which permitts him to take care of his health, & removes to Barbados:

There are severall miners arrived in N. Eng^d who have undertaken y^e lead mines & will make great benefitt of them: but how long they will be allowed without good consideration to y^e Gov^r is a great question: private persons, who have a long tyme been endeavouring to gain their rights in Road Island & Connecticut Colony: send over fresh complaints against those Gom^{ts} who still hinder justice to be done them: M^r Smith of y^e Narragansett Country has greatly suffered in his estate by y^e Road Islanders: M^r Blathwayt is of opinion they will surrender their charter upon his Ma^{tie} letter to them.

S^r you have heard of y^e difference betwixt my L^d Baltimore & M^r Penn about Boundaries: they have been for some tyme here & attended the Lords with their Councill: but yet no hearing. I have been told his Ma^{te} will revoake their patents & allow no more such independent Gom^{ts}. M^r Christopher Rousby Collector of his Ma^{ties} Dutyes in Maryland has some tyme since charged my Lord Baltimore with a debt to his Ma^t of 2500^{lb} Star^l. for tobacco shipd off & not accounted for: & now since my Lords leaving Maryland this Rousby was stabd' aboard the Quaker ketch then neer Maryland. by Collonell Talbott: the first man in the Councill there. Talbott is committed in Virginia. being carried
theither

theither by Capt Allen command^r of that ketch: This buſi-
nes falls out unluckily for my Lord Baltimore who had ſett
up this Talbott to confront & to diſturb M^r Penns people
from planting in the lands under diſpute. which my Lord
Baltimore called N. Ireland. & made Talbott Gov^r in
cheife. who proceeded barbarouſly ag^t the Quakers &
threatned to roote out ſuch Quaking ſciſmaticks: Its
thought his Ma^{tie} will appoint a Gov^r in Maryland in a
little tyme. I could heartily wiſh I was as well recom-
mended theither as I am to Boſton. I have nothing to
object but the ill aire: which perhaps I may better diſpenſe
with, than the worſe inclinations of bad men: who will not
want opportunity to wrong me in eſtate & perſon: without
Gods goodnes prevent them.

About 12 months ago the Comm^{rs} of y^e Cuſtoms ſent one
Dyre to Barbados Jamaica Leward Iſlands & ſo to N Eng^d
to inſpect the Cuſtome houſe offices: he has been at Boſton
for ſeverall months where his wife & family have been theſe
3 or 4 yeares. he is intended to ſettle there & to that end
has taken up reports from M^r Cranfield & ſome other diſ-
contented perſons there that I have countenanced y^e illegal
trade in that Country: Its true: I have of late ſlackned my
proſecutions: 1 becauſe I never could obtain a cauſe for his
Ma^t in the Courts at Boſton altho upon very juſt grounds I
made my ſeizures: & then I have never been allowed one
penny towards all the charges & expences I have been at in
proſecuting ſo that I was tyred out with tedious journeyes &
no profitt which could not be expected ſhould be otherwiſe
till the Gom^t was altred^d & new lawes made there to prevent
that trade complained of.

Complaints

Complaints have been made ag^t Gen^l Kerk by the soldiers who pretend they are not paid their full for their services at Tangeir: it has been before y^e K & Councill. I know not how ended.

S^r I intreat you to pardon me for not paying my duty so often as I ought by giving an account of our N. Eng^d proceedings to which you were pleased to lay y^e foundation. This day by letters from Gov^r Bradstreet I find they expect judgm^t ag^t their Charter yet are so weake as to beleive that his Ma^{tie} will give them a pardon, & continue their Gom^t to them with large powers: I heare not one word from M^r Mason nor M^r Chamberlain M^r Trant & M^r Bridges putt out & S^r Phillip Ffloid & M^r Toll' put in a new Commiffion for y^e Herth money I return my hearty thanks for all your favors: presenting my humble service to M^r Southwell & to the young Ladyes in your family I remain S^r

your most humble & most obedient serv^t

E. RANDOLPH.

[Enclosed in the Letter to Sir Robert Southwell.]

1675 Abstract of M^r Randolph Cafe, as it is more at large sett forth in his petition to the Lords of the Committee for trade.

20 March M^r Randolph carried his Mat^s Letter to N. England requiring the Massachusetts to answere Complaints brought against them.

1676
10 June He arrived at Boston.

10 Septem^r At his Returne he presented their Lord^{sh}s with a Narrative of the State of their Countrey and Govm^t and

and Exhibited Articles of high Misdemeanour
against the Massachusetts.

Decem^r Agents arrive from N. England to make their de-
fence 2 years after it appears they had usurped the
Govm^t of New Hampsheir, and beene otherwise
Criminall to his Ma^{tie}

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Septm^r He goes to New England by way of New York and
carrys over his Mat^s Commiffion to Pascataqua.

30 Decm^r : Settles his Mat^s Govm^t in New Hampsheir.
Looses at Sea all his goods and household stufte with
his Mat^s Picture and Armes sent to New Hampsheir.

25 Janry. Returns to Boston feizs their ships trading illegally
is opposed in his tryalls brought by him for his
Mat^{ie} in their Courts and put to great expence and
arrested for damages given against his Ma^{tie}

¹⁶⁸⁰
March No obedience being given to his Mat^{ies} lawes or
directions by him, he returns to England and ob-
tains larger powers

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May 3. The Lords of the Committee Reports an addition
of 100th a yeare to his Sallary for his good service.

17 Decem^r. He arrives againe in New England with his Mat^{is}
Commiffⁿ under the Great Seal is still opposed and
put to great charges.

¹⁶⁸¹
March. A Law is revived in order to try him for his life for
acting by his Mat^s Commiffion before it was allowed
of by their Govm^t:

His Mat^{is} Commiffion not allowed to be read openly
in the Court of Boston.

His Deputy imprifoned for affifting in feizing for his
Mat^{ie}

The

¹⁶⁸²
Septm^r 20 The Boston Agents then in England ordred to procure larger powers.

Decem^r He received orders from the Lords to returne to England to profecute a Quo Warranto against the Boston Chart^r

¹⁶⁸³ He arrives in England

13 June He is orderd to attend M^r Atturney Gen^l with proofes agst the Boston Charter

20 July Orderd to carry a Quo Warranto to Boston

17 October. He arrives in Boston serves the Quo Warranto and publishe his Mat^s Declaration.

14 Decem^r Ships himfelfe againe for England.

Has a daingerous Voiage his ship fides carryed all awaye in a storme loofes all his goods his cheft being wash'd overboard brought to very short allowance for three weeks.

14 Ffebrũy Hee arrives in Plymouth is command' to attend and profecute the Boston Charter.

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23 Octob^r Judgement Enterd up for his Mat^{ie} against their Charter upon the whole matter

M^r Randolph 9 years in his Mat^s service

Loft at sea and expended in that time 471^{lb} not yet repaid him

Prayes their Lord^{ps} to renew their report to his Mat^{ie} for an addition of salary.

Prayes also to be paid the sume of 471^{lb} expended by him to sattisfie a debt of 250^{lb} and to enable him to attend his Ma^{ties} further service in New England.

All which is humbly etc.

Part of y^e reference.¹

his Ma^{tie} being very well fatisfied with y^e Petn^{rs} good services & graciously inclined to grant his request was pleased to order that his case be & it is hereby recommended to y^e R. Hon^{ble} the L^{ds} Comm^{rs} of his Ma^{ts} Treasury to give such order therein for y^e Petn^{rs} releife as their Lord^{ps} shall think reasonable with confideration to y^e Petn^{rs} meritts & sufferings.

[*Endorsed*] Mr Randolph's case presented to y^e Lords of y^e Treasury
29th instant. [December 1684].

PROPOSALS OF JAMES HODSON RELATIVE TO THE COAL
TRADE OF ENGLAND.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. LXI. p. 285 [1684-5].

[In the handwriting of Edward Randolph.]

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.

The humble propofalls of James Hodson English Merc^t in
Rotterdam Relating to the Cole Trade of England.

May it please your Maj^{tie}

Having lived in y^e Port of Rotterdam divers yeares I have made it my cheife businefs to inspect the Commerce & Trade of Coles imported from Nev Castle upon Tine & Sunderland, and also from your Ma^{ties} Kingdome of Scotland into the faid Port of Rotterdam and do humbly represent

1. That in the yeare 1675 & 1676 there were imported
from

¹ According to a note sent to the editor by Mr. Fenwick, who copied all the Randolph letters in the *Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.*,

"the above abstract is not in Randolph's autograph only the portion beginning, 'Part of y^e reference.'"

from Newcastle & Sunderland into Rotterdam 18000 Hood or Chaldron of Coles London meafure and at the tyme about 8000 Hood or Chaldron of Coles from Scotland was brought to Rotterdam.

2. That y^e yeares 1683 & 1684 were imported to Rotterdam from Scot^d about 14000 chaldron and at that tyme not aboue 12000 chaldron from England as appeares by the Bookes of Excise in Rotterdam, from whence it may be obtained that in 7 yeares tyme the English Trade for Coles is decayed one full third and ye trade of Scotch coles proportionally encreased by which meanes 1: that y^r Ma^{ties} Revennue upon coles exported is greatly impaired 2: that the cole Trade being the nurfery of Seamen wilbe destroyed 3: that the Scotch will be masters of y^e whole Trade & Sole Importers of Cole to Rotterdam & other parts beyond the Seas hauing of late found out their pitts of Cole which in all respects anfwear the ends & uses of New castle cole and whereas the English pay 8^d per chaldron for every Chaldron of cole exported from New Castle & Sunderland etc, the Scotchmen pay but six pence per chaldron for every Chaldron exported from your Ma^{ties} kingdome of Scotland by which great disproportion in the duties imposed upon coles they can underfell your Ma^{ties} English subjects trading in coles in all places beyond seas ffor prevention whereof for the future I humbly propose that henceforth your Ma^{tie} be pleased by law to lay a Greater Duty upon all coles exported the kingdome of Scotland, whereby there may be a iust Ballance between your Ma^{ties} English & Scotch subjects in that trade which being carefully looked after will effectually attaine the end, And whereas tis usually objected That the Export of
Coles

Coles from New Castle & Sunderland is as great now as it hath been for these 7 or 8 yeares last past I anfwear tis very probable but it must be confidred That since the ffrench king has had so great occasion for coles to make his workes & fortifications at Dunkerk there has been a great trade of coles to that town which has caused the late consumption of coles, but as soon as those works are perfected twill then too late appeare that the Scotch have eat the English out of that Trade & will inevitably ruine the whole Export of Coles from Eng^d

Now if it be likewise considered that every farthing paid by forainers is so much clere gaine to England, Then the higher price coles are sold at abroad, the more advantage to your Ma^{ties} Revennew & to the poor Labourers who by reason of the low Rates for coles are brought to great necessities. But now the Scotchmen paying little duty for coles will undersell your Maj^{ties} subjects so that the price in generall is to the advantage of fforainers Butt your Ma^{ties} Revennew is thereby decreased, English shipping discouraged & Seamen decay, to which likewise as another great cause of the Ruine of Trade at home I humbly add the permitting so many ffly boats, ffin scootes & other forain bottoms (which need little or no Ballast & are sayled with a very few hands) to use the home cole Trade: which if discouraged (besides the many hundred Carpenters who would be employed in building shipps for the trade of Newcastle) would encrease your Ma^{ties} customes.

1. Every ship built in England spends planks Ship tymber which increaseth the wood farm

2 : Iron. 3 : Cordage, all which pay your Ma^{tie} a duty
and

and muſt be provided for all ſhips built at home: whereas
fforain built ſhips are fitted abroad with all ſuch neceſſaries
before they are ſayled into Eng^d.

ffurther a fforain built ffly boat etc. of 400 tun requires
but 14 men to ſayle her wheras English built ſhips which
carry y^e like Burthen are not ſayled with fewer then 36
men: which if not confidered will by y^e increaſe of forain
built ſhips lay up our English Shipping by y^e walls & be
deſtructive to your Ma^{ty} nurſery of ſeamen, ſo that in tyme
of Warr your Ma^{ty} will want able men to ſerve in your ffleet.
All which is humbly ſubmitted.

MR. EDWARD RANDOLPH TO MR. JOSEPH DUDLEY.

Collection of Papers, by Thomas Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 283.
9 January 1684-5.

[Whitehall]

Sir,

I have yours of Sept. 10th by me and am now to give you
the news of your charter being vacated by judgment, for
non-appearance. His Maſtie has choſen Coll. Kerke, late
governor of Tangier, to be your governor. He is a gentle-
man of very good reſolution and I believe, will not faile in
any part of his duty to his Maſtey nor be wanting to doe
all good offices for your diſtracted colony, if, at laſt, they will
hear what is reaſon and be governed. Here was ſent over
a moſt ſcandilous paper, preached, as tis ſaid, by Mr. Moody
and Mr. Mather; the Duke of Yorke hath a copy of it, and
others have coppies alſo; twill doe your country great preju-
dice and put jealousies into the minde of the counſel here,
as if the collony would not abide by the judgment againſt
their

their charter, but stand up to defend their liberties. My business has been and shall be to ward off as much as I can. And if, by the iniquity and folly of your ministers and magistrates, you faile of what was expected, the whole blame will rest upon themselves. The King sent me over to Holland, to inquire after irregular traders; 3 or 4 had been there, and they were gone before my coming. I returned back a fortnight after judgment was given and would have been glad to have seen Sir Edmund Andrews in England, who is yet in Guernsey. I question not but you will have reports, as if a great fleet of ships, with regements of horse and foot, are coming against you, but I know of no such thing, only, I believe a frigott or two will attend the governor, who is lieutenant of one of his Majesties regiments of guards and one of the bed chamber. I remember what you advise, that the government be, in the first place, transposed and committed to the care of fitting persons upon the place to prepare and accommodate affairs against the artrval [arrival?] of the governor. I am not wanting to press for liberty of conscience and confirmation of all your rights and possessions, and have nominated, according to what was agreed betwixt you and myselfe, persons for the councill, and disswade all I can from raising any rates upon the people to support government, more than what has been usual with you. The King has been pleased to make me secretary and register of new-England. I have nominated you for the King's receiver-generall of all new-England, which will be a place of profit. I had other things to propose on your behalfe, but that must attend a farther opportunitie. Respects to the governor and his lady, madam Taylor, Mr. Stoughton,

Stoughton, Mr. Bulkeley, Mr. Page and his lady, and all friends. Its yet very uncertain whether proceffe will issue out against Rhode Island and Connecticut collony to bring in both them before the governour come over, or to do that afterward in case they refuse to submit to a general governour, as yet nothing has been discovered of it. A committee of Lords but [for?] Saturday next is appointed for that busines. Dr. Cox is well and so is Mr. Boyl and all your friends, amongst whom I desire to be recorded, because I am Sir,

Your faithful friend,

and engaged Servant &c.

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EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Sr

Whitehall: Ffeb. 16, 1684

This morning I received yours of y^e 12th & am heartily glad to heare of your coming to town: in the meane tyme I take leave to entertain you at your lodgings with the following account. his Ma^{tie} has putt away M^{rs} Sidley [Sedley] formerly a favourite & will discountenance the late immorality in Court & Country. Yesterday his Ma^{tie} was at y^e Queenes Chappell in her lodgings in Whitehall: for y^e King dos not leave his former appartm^t in Whitehall till y^e Q. Dowager is removed to Summerfett house which will be about 3 weekes made ready: This morning his Mat^{ie} about 11 or after went to that Chappell y^e doores wide open & all who would present. y^e Princeffe Ann is constant at y^e Chappell & yesterday all the noblemen were there early &

& heard y^e fermon: This morning her Highnes was at Chappell & will be very constant. the L^d Churchill gone this morning to Ffrance. My Lord Rochester made L^d Treasurer: & had y^e white staffe. His Mat^{ie} was buried at Westminster Saterday about 10 at night & y^e next morning new staves were given to y^e former L^d Chamberlain. L^d Nuport & L^d Maynard, & L^d Godolphin made Chamberlain to y^e Queen: A par^t to fitt y^e 19th of May & this afternoon y^e Heralds at y^e Committee at Councill chamber were attending to inform & receive directions in order to y^e Coronation which is thought will be about y^e 23 of Aprill: Its said y^e D. of Ormond is coming for Eng^d your letter from his Grace now at y^e Plantation office will better inform you: at your arrivall which that it may be safe & prosperous to you is the sincere prayer of S^r

your most obliged & most dutyfull serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH

Sir Jō Ernle is continued Chancellour.

[*With superscription*]

To S^r Robert Southwell

To be left for him at the Beare in Redding

Redding

Barkheire.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO D^R LLOYD BISHOP OF S^T ASAPH.

New England Historical Genealogical Register, Vol. XXXVII. p. 268.

Whitehall March 1685.

My Lord

In obedience to your Lord^{ps} desires I inclose abstracts of letters I lately received from the cheife of late magistrates in
Boston,

Boston, they are all of good estates at home & of known credit at Court, by which you may easily see the unhappy condition that country are now brought into by the obstinate resolutions of some few zealous persons who have (by the artifice of 5 or 6 of their independent ministers) lately got the sole management of their Government turning out Mr Stoughton, Dudley & Bulkley (mentioned in Mr Wharton's letter) for persuading y^e people to submit to his Maj^{ties} Declaration &c, and they most justly deserve to be discountenanced & made incapable of ever engaging in any publick business; being so like our late Sequestrators in zeale & ignorance, that nothing but the time & place makes the difference. These have been so vilely arbitrary in abusing the Inhabitants that the worst of the French Peasants have in comparison lived easily. And my Lord, the present state of that Country is in most circumstances very like that of England at the time of his late Majesties happy restoration: and I can confidently aver, That the most & best part of the Inhabitants groaning under above 30 years oppression will as much rejoice upon y^e hopes of liberty as we did here. But in regard of the late Indian War & 3 great fires in Boston by which New England has (since my first going over) lost over 150.000 £ & with the decay of their trade firs & fishing occasioned by the French in our Neighbourhood, they are generally miserably poor. So that whoever goes over Governor with expectation to make his fortunes; will dis-serve his Majesty, disappoint himselfe and utterly ruine that Country. My Lord, this I speak upon my own knowledge and offer it the rather because 'Tis the interest of the Crowne to keep up those inhabitants after they have submitted

submitted to his Majesties regulation, for they are a Great body of people, sober & industrious & in tyme of Warr able to drive the french out of all their American dominions and be a Good defence & releefe to all his Majesties forain Plantations. There is one thing has fallen out lately amongst them very unluckily for his Maj^{ties} service which is the sending over Cranfeild to be Governor of the Province of New Hampshire, who by his arbitrary proceedings has so harraffed that poor people, That although they have cause to complain of the hard usage of the Boston Governor (under whom they lately were) and pray'd his Majesty to take them from that yolk, yett they have greater reason now to pray an alteration & wish again to be under the Bostoners, for M^r Cranfeild has quite ruined that place & his open immorality as well in Boston where he hired a house & told them he had assurance of that Gov^t upon the vacating their Charter; has rendred his Maj^{ties} Govern^t very contemptible & was one great reason why the Bostoners did not submit upon my last going over, and should a Gov^r go over who will tread in M^r Cranfeild's steps or do worse things, if possible, It will cool the inclinations of good men and make them take the first occasion to free themselves, besides 'twill above all greatly reflect upon our church to have men of ill principle & debauch'd lives appeare as the promoters of that religion, they so much dishonour in their Conversation. I am well assured that they will easily upon Grant of a Generall Pardon, liberty of Conscience & Confirmation of Propertyes be ready to subscribe to any Condition his Majesty shall bee pleased to propose and a prudent sober Gentⁿ sent their Gov^r will be very acceptable to the people, which is the only

way to preserve them from Ruine. I intreat your Lordsh^p to pardon my hasty lines & to give me leave to say that I am in all duty y^r Lordsh^ps most obedient & most humble serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

P. S. My Lord I yesterday gave my Lord Clarendon an abstract of the letters with one originall which I had not tyme to transcribe. I hope when his Majesty is made sensible that there is more need of a prudent man to reconcile, then of a hott, heady passionate Souldier to force; that the Gentⁿ under present thoughts may be designed for a Service more proper for his qualifications. I would be glad I might have liberty to inform his Majesty the truth & present state of his subjects in N. Eng^d. My Lord the sooner y^r Lordship pleases to communicate the inclosed to y^e Lordsh^p your Lordship mentioned, the better. Its great pitty & lookes like injustice that a great Country of good subjects should not have some tyme of tryall before they are all at once Condemned to the passion & avarice of an unreasonable man.

COURT OF JUDICATURE WANTED IN NEW ENGL^d

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 108, p. 140.

At the Committee of Trade and Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Tuesday the 5th of May 1685.

Present: Lord Keeper, Lord President, Earl of Bridgewater, Earl of Sunderland, Earl of Craven.

New England.
Mr Randolph's
Representation.

The Representation of Edward Randolph read,
setting forth that, in regard there is noe indifferent
Court

That an Indifferent Court to try Causes between ye Colonies is wanted.

Court of Judicature in New England where Causes between a Privat person and a whole Colony or betwixt the Magistrats and Inhabitants can bee tried, for want whereof many poor people, vnable to vndergoe the charge of a Voyage to England, are vndone; many of whose petitions are annexed praying His Ma^{ty}'s Governor may bee impowred to erect Courts as occasion may require. Whereupon their Lo^{ps} taking notice that the Colonies against which the Complaints are made are by His Ma^{ty}'s Charters exempt from any other Jurisdiction except by Appeals to His Ma^{ty}, Order Mr Randolph to prepare a paper containing all such particulars vpon which a Quo Warranto may bee grounded against their Charters.

Mr Randolph to prepare a paper of Particulars for a Quo Warranto.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Plantation Office May 9. 85

Hon^d Sir,

These two dayes have been mostly taken up with the tryall of Titus Oates: yesterday was severall great Lords as L^d Treasurer L^d Privye Seale & others as Affeffores: and many upon a Summons & twelve pence left at their houses appeared for him my Lord Keeper had such a summons left for his Lordsh^p but hee did not appeare. the great matter he insisted upon: in the evidence of these Lords was: to inform y^e Court & Jury in reputation his evidence was. & how far he was. credited. no man so much as questioning the truth of his papers: the E. of Huntington being asked that question

tion told the Court That he at that tyme had a great confidence in his testimony: but confidering circumstances better fince he was cleere of another beleive & did openly afke God & the world forgiveness for his great miftake. much like this did feverall of the Lords difcourfe. the Cheife matter proved againft him was: that at the tyme he fwore hee was in Eng^d in fome of the confults twas fworn by above 20 perfons that hee was in St Omers: & this not onely upon bare oathes but by fuch concurrent & remarkable circumstances as convinced all that he was forfworn & after 7 or 8 houres fpent in the tryall which began about 10 & ended about 7 at night the jury found him guilty after they had been withdrawn not halfe an houre. he behaved himfelfe very faucily: & was heard with a great deal of patience: amongft the evidence L^d Lovelace was called to come into Court. but came too late into y^e Hall which his Lordfth excufed to Oates at his return from Court affuring his forrow for his abfence which was occafioned by the flownes of the meffenger: however to comfort him, told him: that he beleived his evidence as true as y^e Gofpell:

This day Oates appeared in y^e hall about 9 the Court was not pref^d with company as the day before this day they went upon Irelands being fworn by Oates to be at a confult at London when at the fame tyme prooffe by very fober fubftantiall Gen^t was made that he was at the very fame tyme at my Lord Affons: by good circumstances alfo. as one Gent. at the fame tyme going to his mothers funerall in his way faw Ireland at my L^d Affons: & calling there at his return & found him which was but 14 houres difference in his going & return. So that M^r Ireland was to ride 250 miles

miles in that tyme to make Oates evidence true: Some other proofes were made about others of the preists which fuffred the jury found him guilty of perjury also. his sentence will be given the end of y^e Term. The maremaid frigott is commanded to cruise upon y^e coast of Scotland. The Lord cheife Jeffreyes was made Baron of Wenn or Wemms: (a mannor which he has lately purchafed about 2 dayes ago as I am told

I remain S^r yr humble ferv^t

E. RANDOLPH.

RANDOLPH'S PETITION AGAINST RHODE ISLAND &
CONNECTICUT.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (245).

Petⁿ of M^r Randolph Read 15 July 1685.

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee ffor Trade
and fforreign Plantations.

May itt Please yo^r Lordships

In perfuance of yo^r Lordships Order of the fifth of May laft directing me to prepare papers conteining all fuch particul^{rs} then complained of, upon which Writts of Quo warranto might be granted againft the Coloneys of Conecticott and Rhoad Ifland in New England, I haue accordingly drawne up Seuerall Articles of High Misdemeanours (hereunto annexed) the proofes whereof I am ready to make out againft thofe Coloneys.

And to the intent no time may be loft in profecuting thofe Articles to Effect which will otherwife much hinder the Settlement

tlement of New England: It's humbly prayd that writts of Quo warranto may be forthwith issued out against the Govern^{rs} & Companyes of those Coloneys, That their Charters being vacated they alsoe may thereby be United under His maj^{es} Lawes and Government.

All which is Humbly Submitted by

EDRANDOLPH

Mr Randolphs Petition with Articles
ag^t Rhode Island and Conecticut.

[*Endorsed*] Randolphs Petition.

Read July 15th 1685.

With Articles agst Rhode Island & Conecticutt.

RANDOLPH'S REPRESENTATION READ.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 108, p. 163.

At the Committee of Trade and Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Wednesday the 15th of July 1685.

Present: Lord Privy Seal, Duke of Beaufort, Earl of Bridgewater, Earl of Sunderland, Earl of Craven, Lord B^p of London, Lord Godolphin, Lord Dartmouth.

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N: England. The Representation of Edward Ran-
Mr Randolph's dolph with several Articles of High Misdemeanor
Representation against the Governor and Company of the Col-
with ony of Conecticut and against the Governor and
Articles ag^t the Company of the Colony of Rhode Island, and Providence
Colony of Plantation in New England read, viz.
Rhode-Island.

1. That the Gov^r and Comp^a of Rhode Island raise money contrary to Law.

2. That they make Laws contrary to the Laws of England.
3. That they refuse to suffer the Laws of England to be pleaded in their Courts.
4. They keep noe Authentick Records of their Laws.
5. They raze and Cancell their Laws without consent of the Assembly.
6. That the Officers of Justice are vnder noe legal Oaths.
7. They Violate the Acts of Trade.

Conecticut.

1. That the Gov^r @ Comp^a of the Colony of Conecticut have made Laws contrary to the Laws of England.

2. That they impose ffines and convert them to their own vse.

3. They inforce an Oath of Fidelity without Administring the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacy.

4. They permit not the Exercise of the Religion of the Church of England.

5. The Inhabitants of other Colonys cannot obtain Justice in their Courts.

6. They exclude from the Government all Gentlemen of known Loyalty.

Whereupon their Lo^{ps} will likewise represent to His Ma^{ty} that the said Articles bee referred to M^r Attorney General, with order forthwith to bring Writs of Quo Warranto against those Corporations.²

ORDER

² *Political Annals of the United Colonies*, George Chalmers. 1780. p. 301. Under head of Conecticut to clause 3 are added the words "as in their charter

is directed;" to clause 4 "arbitrarily fining those who refuse to come to their congregational assemblies;" to clause 6, "and keep it in the hands of the independent

ORDER IN COUNCIL AND REPORT FOR QUO WARRANTOS &C.

Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. III. p. 349.At the Court at Whitehall y^e 17 of July 1685.By y^e Kings most excellent Majesty and y^e Lords of his Ma^{ts}
most hon^{ble} Privy Councill.A Report from y^e Right Hono^{ble} y^e L^s of y^e Com^{tee} for
Trade & Foreign Plantations being this day read at the
Board in y^e Words following
May it please yo^r Majesty .Wee have receeived from Edward Randolph Esq: Surveyor
of yo^r Ma^{ts} Customs in New England severall articles of high
misdemeanors exhibited by him against y^e Gov^r & Comp^a of
y^e Colony of Connecticut & against y^e Gov^r & Comp^a of
Rhode Island & Providence Plantation in N England upon
considerationpendant party in the colony." Also
printed by the side of *articles of high
misdemeanour* are *Proofs out of the
law-book of that colony, printed at
Cambridge, in New England, 1673.**Ibid.*, p. 280. *Articles of high misde-
meanour exhibited to the lords of the
committee of foreign plantations against
the governor and company of the col-
ony of Rhode-island and Providence.*
From N. Eng. Ent. 2 vol. p. 245-6.1. They raise great sums of money
upon the inhabitants of that colony and
others, by fines, taxes, and arbitrary
imprisonment, contrary to law, and deny
appeals to his majesty.2. They make and execute laws con-
trary to the laws of England.3. They deny his Majesty's subjects
the benefit of the laws of England, and
will not suffer them to be pleaded in
their courts.4. They keep no authentic record of
their laws, neither will they suffer the
inhabitants to have copies of them.5. They raze and cancel their laws as
they please, without the consent of the
assembly.6. Their governor, deputy-governor,
assistants, and deputies, and other officers
for the administration of justice, are un-
der no legal oaths.7. They violate the acts of trade, and
have taken from Thomas Brindley, Esq.
his late Majesty's commission, appoint-
ing him and others to administer an oath
to the governor of that Colony, for his
duly putting in execution the acts of
trade and navigation; the governor of
that colony not having taken the said
oath these three or four years last past,
as is required in the said act.

All which is humbly submitted

EDWARD RANDOLPH

confideration whereof wee are humbly of opinion that your Ma^{ty} be pleased to refer y^e faid articles to yo^r Attor^y Gr^{all}. with order forthwith to bring Writs of Quo Warranto againſt thoſe Corporations.

Wee have alſo received a Lre from y^e Mayor Aldermen & principall officers of y^e Citty of New York dated y^e 13th of May laſt ſetting forth that ſince yo^r Ma^{ty} hath been pleaſed to p^rmit Delaware & y^e two Jerſeys to be ſeparated from y^e Gov^{mt} of New York that City hath extreamly ſuffered by the loſs of at leaſt one third p^t of its Trade & hath ever ſince much decayed in the number of Inhabitants Rents & Buildings And that yo^r Ma^{ty}s Revenue doth likewise ſuffer thereby whereupon wee likewise offer o^r opinions that yo^r Ma^{ty}s Attorney Gr^{all}. may have directions to conſider the ſeverall Grants & Proprieties of Eaſt & Weſt New Jerſey & of Delaware aforemencōned & to enter y^e like Writs of Quo Warranto againſt y^e reſpective Proprietors if he ſhall finde cauſe it being of very great & growing prejudice to yo^r Ma^{ty}s affaires in y^e Plantacōn & to yo^r Cuſtoms here that ſuch independent Governments be kept up & maintained wthout a nearer & more Imediate Dependance on yo^r Ma^{ty}. All which is moſt humbly ſubmitted.

ROCHESTER

CLARENDON. C. P. S.

HALIFAX. P.

ORMOND.

BEAUFORT.

Council Chamber 15 July, 1685.

His Ma^{ty} being graciouſly pleaſed to approve of the ſame is pleaſed to order and direct that y^e faid Articles be & they are hereby referred to S^r R^t Sawyer Kn^t his Ma^{ty}s Attor^y

Generall who is forthwith to bring Writs of Quo Warranto against y^e Gov^r & Comp^a of y^e Colony of Connecticut & against y^e Gov^r & Comp^a of Rhode Island & Providence Plantacōn in New England. And it is further ordered that M^r Attorney Grāll do forthwith confider of y^e severall Grants & Proprietors of East and West New Jersey and of Delaware & enter y^e like writts of Quo Warranto against y^e respective Proprietors thereof if he shall find cause.

WILLIAM BRIDGEMAN.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

July 30th 1685

S^r

Little publick newes has offered since the emprisonm^t of the E. of Stamford Lord Delamere: but what M^r Yard illuminates us with his Gazetts: Its generally reported & well liked that the Earl of Ailsbury succeeds in the office of L^d Chamberlain of his Mat^{ies} Household: and the E. of Ffeversham hath the hon^r of the E. of Arlingtons Garter and the Catholicks magnifye themselves in the report & beleife that his Lordf^p dyed in the Communion of their Church: This day his Mat: with a great attendance and M^r Blathwayt went to Winfor: to see fitt ground for y^e Army to encamp upon during his Ma^{ties} stay here. Wheither he with the Queen go next Wednesday to continue one month. The Lord Baltimore is under a great disfavour because his Mat^{ies} Custome officers have been ill treated since the murther committed upon one of y^e principall of them by

Coft

Coff Talbott & 2 Orders of Councill fucceffively directed for a Quo Warr^{to} ag^t his Gom^t. I have 5 Quo Warr^{tos} by me: againft Connecticut Road Ifland. the two Eaft & Weft New Jarfeyes & Delaware: I am in great expectation of orders to go to New Eng^d in a little tyme: with a commiffion to fettle a temporary Gom^t: & alfo with a new commiffion for my office of Collector in regard fome ill perfons have broak open the office & taken away my former Commiffion. as y^e Gov^r of Bofton writes me.

Its faid that the New Chappell of St Georges Hall is preparing for y^e followers of St Peter and that prayers & fermons are to [be] preached in the Great Chappell to y^e family as was ufed in the new Chappell: S^r Lionell Jenkin has had feverall Apoplectick ffitts & is expected to leave his offices at y^e Commons very fhortly. The project of y^e New Duty upon Tobacco goes on but heavily as yet. for I heare not of any one who has taken up any of the fweet fented Tobacco: tho feverall hundred hog^{lds} are come in: & they pay cuftome onely for y^e Sov which they immediately fhip off to Holland upon 1 halfpenny in y^e pound duty onely fo that tobacco is fallen 1^d: in y^e pound in Holland: & I am told that tho' feverall great fhipps from Virginia are arrived fince the tyme of that Acts commencing. yet not above 4 or 5000^{lb} cuftoms is paid for Tobacco: whereas by this tyme had there been no additionall duty upon that comodity his Mat^{ie} would have above 30000^{lb} for y^e duty of tobacco: but becaufe this has fome reflection on my Masters I have onely to fay that I am S^r

your moft humble & moft obedient fervt

ED. RANDOLPH

My

My humble service to the
young ladies.

[*With superscription*] To S^r Robert Southwell
at Kings Weston neer
Bristoll
Bristoll

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillips, Bart.

Plantation Office Aug^t 1 85.
11 oclock

S^r

I am to give you an account from hence that y^e Duke of Albemarl being under diffatisfaction to be commanded by so many New but officers of Greater influence then his Grace has quitted the first troop of his Ma^{ties} Gards, which is to be commanded by y^e last Gartred Knight the E. of Ffeverham: & his troop being the third in the Gards by y^e Lord Churchill: the Dutches of Portsmouth has this day left the Court & is gone for Ffrance to stay till May next taking y^e D. of Richmond with her. & 3 dayes before her servant D^r Tayler dyed: this day at a Committee of trade. several complaints were made ag^t M^r Coney Gov^r of Bermodos to that degree that M^r Blathwayt tells me hee will be called home and at the same tyme advised me to have your opinion wheither I might accept of the Gom^t of that place which he questions not but his Ma^{tie} would bestow on me: upon the intrest which at this juncture of tyme tis in your power to make for me by the happy constellation Badminton. where besides my noble patron & great freind y^e Lord Privye Seale,
are

are the Great Dukes of Ormond & Beaufort to whom my services to the Crown are well known & I question not but upon occasion will be remembred to his Mat^{ie} for my advantage. by both their Graces. I humbly intreat you at some tyme to discourse my Lord Privye Seale on this matter without whose directions & consent I shall not move one foot in this or any other affaire of this nature. S^r I am heartily so well inclined to New Eng^d that tho I have for 10 yeares tyme been mortified by their ill treatment & have now 2 writts of Quo warranto ag^t y^e Colonyes of Connecticut & Road Island. which makes me alike (if that his Mat^{ies} service be a) obnoxious to the whole Plantation yett after all I am inclind to beleive, that I may live very happily there, for they will in tyme be convincd of their folly in contending with their prince. unlesse they be condemnd to that misery to have Coll. Kerk to be their Gov^r then tho' I go under the gard of his Ma^{ties} favour & Protection assured me in his instructions yett heel' break thro all, and the harder he presses the people the heavier must be my taske & the greater my perplexities. so that I must expect betwixt Gov^r & people to be ground to powder: I could not at any tyme believe he would make a fitt Gov^r for those people but now since the great carnage he has made. in y^e West, he will be much more arbitrary & oppressing. and I had rather have 100^{lb} a yeare in New Eng^d under a quiet prudent Gov^r then 500^{lb} if he were upon y^e place. The troubles I mett there in 1681: broak my wives heart I prefer the quiett & satisfaction of my family before money which I have no hopes of expecting if he goes Governor: so that upon such termes N. Eng^d will be no place for mee: then next to Bermodos besides my
own

own disabilities those people have been very mutinous but where the true cause has been whether in their Gov^{rs} or themselves I have not yet informed myself. The profit not above 300^{lb} a yeare: the charge great: I have been told S^r John Heyden lived very meanely & had 500^{lb} a yeare besides tis hazardous to keep. for should I bring those people to a quiet temper & the place come to be any way by their trade to be considerable, as N. York was to S^r Edmund Andros: how soon was he upon unlucky mistakes unkindly laid aside: so that I am now after 10 yeares tossing about the world under such uncertaintyes: that I can find no releife like application to yourselfe from whom I have from y^e first of my undertakings received safe & prosperous directions: I therefore with great confidence humbly intreat you to consider my circumstances & to engage my Lord Privye Seale one minute to contribute his directions: also if his Lordsh^p be of opinion that Gov^r Kerk be the man for N. Eng^d. I cannot see how that can be a place for me. then Bermodos at first sight seemes full of difficultyes: but nothing like living under a debauched Atheisticall person who will doe his Ma^t in one yeare more disservice than 20 yeares indulgence can repaire. This I speake from y^e experience I have had of the people who will not be forced & since the French King at this juncture is bidding faire for the Spanish West Indies: he will not be wanting to engage the Indians on y^e backside of New Eng^d to make another incursion, & then what by the opposition of an incroaching Gov^r on y^e one hand & false neighbours on the other: that hopefull: & most necessary plantation to the Crown will in a few yeares be brought to utter ruine. S^r pardon this discourse very unfitt

unfitt for a wedding entertainm^t yet in regard it has a respect
to the publick. as well as to the benefitt of a privat freind: I
know you will accept & affist him who is S^r your most hum-
ble serv^t ED RANDOLPH.

Be pleased to give my Lord Privy Seale mine & my wives
humble duty: the feares of a winter voyage makes her a
troublesome futor to his Lordsh^p to gett me dispatchd and as
foon as may be: my humble service to y^e young Ladyes
your daughters. And all joy & happines attend the noble
solemnity.

[*With superscription.*] To S^r Robert Southwell
at the Duke of Beauforts
at Badminton
in Glostersheire

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

L^d Sunderlands Office
Aug^t 3 85.

S^r

Here is upon examination Burton a cheefemonger of
Wapping who was in the Proclamation & one of the Rye
Conspirators: as also a Constable of Wapping a barber who
harboured him, & detected by y^e Constables apprentice here
is also Goodenough attending Its reported that Fferguson
is got over to Holland. This afternoon his Ma^t went to
Hide Park to see the New Officers presented to their charge
in the Horse Gards amongst which was y^e L^d Cornbury & L^d
Newbury. I would be glad to know wheither my Lord Pr
Seale'

Seale' come to the Cockpitt before he go to Winfor for I am to attend his Lordsh^p so soon as his L^d^s returns: my humble service to his Lordsh^p I am S^r

your humble ser^{vt}

ED. RANDOLPH

MR. RANDOLPH'S PROPOSALS ABOUT QUO WARRANTO.

Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. III. p. 351.

August 3. 1685

To the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee for Trade and Foreign Plantations.

May it please your Lordships: Pursuant to his Majesty's order in Council, of the 17th of July last, to Mr. Attorney General, I have received three writs of Quo Warranto, issued out against the several proprietors of East and West New Jerseys and Delaware; and also two other writs of Quo Warranto, with summons from the Sheriffs of London, ordered to be brought against the Collonys of Connecticut and Rhode Island, in New England, which are returnable the next term.

Now to the intent the time limited for serving the writs upon the Governors and Companys of those Collonys may not be lapsed by delays and the difficulties of a winter voyage, and his Majesty's prosecutions thereby rendered ineffectual, as it was in serving the writ of Quo Warranto against the Boston Charter:

It is humbly proposed, that in three weeks time, at farthest, a ship is bound from London, directly to New England, by
which

which (if your Lordships think fit), the Quo Warranto may be sent and served accordingly, to the end there may be no delays made in that affair.

All which is humbly submitted.

RANDOLPH'S PROPOSALS CONCERNING 5 WRITS OF QUO WARRANTO.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 108, p. 173.

At the Committee of Trade and Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Munday the 3^d of August 1685.

Present: Lord President, Earl of Aylesbury, Lord Chamberlain, Earl of Bridgewater, Earl of Craven.

New England.
Mr Randolph's
proposals.

A paper of Proposals from Mr Randolph read setting forth that pursuant to an Order of Council of the 17th of July last hee had received 3 Writts of Quo Warranto against the Proprietors of East and West New Jersey and Delaware, and two others with Summons thereupon from the Sherif of London against the Colonys of

That the
Quo Warranto
agst Conecticut
and Rhode Island
bee dispatcht by
ye next Ship.

Connecticut and Rhode Island which are returnable next Term, And therefore humbly proposing that the said Quo Warranto's may bee sent to New England by a Ship w^{ch} is bound directly to those parts. And Mr Randolph having offered to goe in

The King's
Directions to
bee received.

person and serve them vpon the respective Corporations in New England, their Lo^{ps} think fitt That His Ma^{ty}'s Directions bee received in this matter.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

*Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.*Aug^t 8 1685.S^r

I am extreamely obliged to you for yours of y^e 3 infant and the great care you have pleased therein to expresse your kindnes to me. I have this day mett my L^d P. Seale who has discourfd very largely upon y^e subject you propofed on my behalfe and has affured, that I shall be taken care of wheither y^e Gov^r goes or not. & wee want onely a Committee to give life to y^e affaire: the Court being att Winfor makes this place very barren of newes. I have mett Major Thomfon who tells me many hundred of familyes are removing themselves to the forain Plantations: a master bound now to Boston is hired to call in at Pool & take in a freight of passengers. they are affrighted at their N. Gov^r & should he passe the seas into forain parts wheither then will they remove. I hope all will end well. M^r Pippes has a report from y^e Comm^{rs} of y^e Navye who exceedingly like my propofall & desire 40 trees to be provided in N. Eng^d for a present supply I give you my humble thanks for all your bleffings & remain S^r

My humble service to y^e your most humble & most
young Ladyes. obedient serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With superscription*] To S^r Robert Southwell
at Kings Weston neer
Bristoll

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

*Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.*Aug^t 17th 1685S^r

I give you my hearty thanks for y^e favour of yours of y^e 8th instant: which I should sooner have answered but have been taken up with preparations for y^e Lords who fitt to-morrow & then I expect a full answer how & when I shall go for N. E. otherwise the winter will prevent my voyage. I heare little of Coll Kirk. & many are of opinion that he will not go Gov^r to that place. I was yesterday in close waite upon my L^d P. Seale at Winfor in hopes to have my papers about a temporary Gom^t read & ordred. his Ma^{tie} fate nigh 5 houres in Councill. Butt the examining of 3 prifoners from y^e West viz^t Jones: a cabinett maker within Ludgate: a Capt of horfe. Kidd: formerly serv^t to M^r Thin: Commander of a party of the fixth men. and Hayes. younger son to Alderman Hayes: who are all this day carried to Newgate) tooke up great part of his Ma^{is} tyme I feare his Lord^{sh} forgott my paper. I heare a league with Holland Sweden & Denmark is or will in 2 or 3 dayes be ratified by his Ma^{ie} at Winfor. Saterday next is appointed a Gen^l Muster of the Army at Hownfloe Heath to entertain Ma^{rs}. d'Humeires & the French officers: Prayers for y^e family are read in her Ma^{ie} prefence. where yesterday at morning service was a very great appearance of the Nobility as D. Ormond L^d Treas^r. L^d P. S L^d Peterburro & none at court missing. & I do not heare of any about y^e Court great or small: are tempted to change their religion by the splended accommodation

accommodation of the New Chappell. I give my humble
service to y^e young Ladyes and am S^r

your most humble Serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With superscription*] To S^r Robert Southwell
at Kings Weston neer
Bristoll.

D^r White a lusty faire complexiond man. formerly Lec-
turer at St Andrewes Holburn is made Bp of Peterburrow
& D^r Parker A Deacon of Canterbury to be y^e next Bip^e in
the roome of one whose name I know not: dangerously sick.

E. R.

MR. RANDOLPH'S PROPOSALS ABOUT QUO WARRANTO.

Rhode Island Colonial Records, Vol. III. p. 178.

August 18. 1685

To the Right Honorable the Lords of the Committee for
Trade and Foreign Plantations.

May it please your Lordships: More than nine months
have passed since judgment was entered up for his late Maj-
esty against the Charter of Boston, whereby the government
of that Collony is invested in by his Majesty yet to this day
Some disaffected persons, under color of their vacated Char-
ter, pretend to exercise a government there and counte-
nance the breach of the Acts of Trade, by permitting their
ships laden with Plantation Commodities to go from thence
directly to Holland, Scotland, &c. without first entering in
England, as the law directs; greatly impairing thereby his
Majesty's revenue, now increased by Act of Parliament.

Now

Now forasmuch, as there is no settled government in that Collony, and the loyal party there (being the far greater number) have upon all occasions shown their readiness to submit to his Majesty's laws and commands, and are in daily expectation to be freed from the oppressions they have long groaned under, but being kept out of the government, are in no capacity to relieve themselves, or put a stop to the irregular trade, and other growing mischiefs complained of, It is therefore humbly proposed that his Majesty would graciously please forthwith to order a temporary government, by his commission to the best disposed persons upon the place untill such time as his Majesty's Governor Generall shall be dispatched from hence to take upon him the government of all the Collonys in New England.

I likewise humbly represent, that I have solicited the five Quo Warrantos mentioned in his Majesty's order of Council of the 15th of July last, and served three writs upon the several proprietors of East and West New Jersey and Delaware. I am now attending to receive your Lordships' further commands about the two Quo Warrantos against the Collonys of Connecticut and Rhode Island, which are returnable the next term, now to the intent his Majesty's prosecutions against those Collonys be not by the difficulty of a winter's voyage rendered ineffectual, It is necessary (as I humbly conceive) that some person be dispatched thither with orders to that purpose, upon the first ship which sails from hence to Boston; and if his Majesty please to commit that service to my charge, with the conveyance of a Commission to erect a temporary government there, I question not but to give his Majesty a good account of that affair; and also the two Col-
lonys

lonys againſt which Quo Warrantos are iſſued, and ſo by that means bring the ſeveral Collonys in New England to a united and nearer dependance upon the Crown.

All which is humbly ſubmitted by &c.

E. RANDOLPH.

RANDOLPH'S PETITION TO BE SECRETARY OF N. ENG^d

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (358). 26 Aug. 1685.

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of y^e Committee for Trade
and forain Plantations.

The Humble petition of Edward Randolph (To be Sec^{ry} &
Regiſter of N. England ³)

Sheweth

That y^r Petn^r has been employed about 10 yeares in the affaires of New Eng^d in order to bring that Plantation to a neerer dependance vpon y^e Crown: and inasmuch as y^e Boſtoners refuſed to Submitt to y^e gracious propoſalls offered them by his late Ma^{tie} y^r Petn^r was directed to proſecute them vpon a Quo Warr^{to} and Judgm^t being therevpon entred vp ag^t their Charter their libertyes & Priveleges are become forfeited to His Ma^{tie}

Now for as much as y^r Petn^r has made 8 voyages already to & from New Eng^d in attending his Ma^{ties} Seruice, and is now ordred forthwith to return [theither] to ſerue writts of Quo Warr^{to} vpon y^e Colonyes of Connecticut & Road Island, againſt which Articles of high Miſdemeanour haue lately been Exhibited:

your

³ Different hand.

your Petn^r humbly prayes y^r Lordf^{ps} to recommend him to his Ma^{ties} favour, that in Consideration of his past Services his Ma^{tie} would graciously please to grant him the Office of Secretary & Register of those places which are or shall be brought vnder his Ma^{ties} Govern^r Gen^{ll} of New Eng^d

And y^r Petn^r shall euer etc.

[*Endorsed*] Petition of Edward Randolph
To be Sec^{ry} of New England. Read 26 Aug. 85.

PETITIONS OF RANDOLPH & GOVE.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 108, p. 186.

At the Committee of Trade & Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Wednesday the 26th of August 1685.

Present: Lord Treasurer, Lord President, Earl of Bridgewater, Earl of Craven, Earl of Nottingham, L^d Visco^t Fauconberg, Lord B^p of London, Earl of Middleton, M^r Chancellor of the Dutchy.

New Engld The Petition of Edward Randolph read praying to bee recommended to His Ma^{tys} Favor that in consideration of his past Services hee may have a Grant of the Office of Secretary and Register of all those places which are or shall bee brought vnder His Ma^{ty's} Government in New England. Whereupon their Lo^{ps} agree to confider further of this Petition when the Government of all the Colonys of New England shall bee settled

The

New Hampshire. . . . The Petition of Edward Gove prisoner
 Pet^r of
 Edw: Gove. in the Tower read, setting forth That hee was
 Tryed and Condemned in New Hampshire for High Trea-
 son and being sent into England was committed Prisoner
 to the Tower in June 1683 And humbly praying His Maj-
 esty's Pardon for the saide Treason. Whereupon their Lo^{ps}
 agree to represent the Petition to His Majesty for His
 pleasure thereupon.

Memorand^m Their Lordships having accordingly
 presented the said Petition, His Majesty was
 pleased to Order, that the pet^r bee Pardoned,
 giving Security for his good behaviour for the
 future.

A Pardon
 for Gove.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Aug^t 29th 85

S^r

Yesterday M^r Southwell did me the favour to visit me at
 my lodgings he is very well in health & lively. I have
 promised to waite upon him at M^r Fflamsted's before I go
 to N. Eng^d wheither with great zeal I am now pressed by y^e
 Comm^{rs} of y^e Customs to goe: with large powers from them: I
 have gaind y^e point & am carriing over with me a Commiffion
 for a Temporary Gom^t: I hope it will succeed & the rather
 because they have been putt in a terrible fright with the
 apprehentions of being committed to y^e Guardianship of
 Coll^t Kerk: who I think has shortned his passage to N.
 Eng^d by his expedition in y^e West: I heard my L^d Jeffryes
 give

give him a severe welcome to Winfor laſt Sunday & told him he had not only a bare report but informations under his Ma^{ty}s Juſtices of y^e peace upon oaths of ſufficient & loyal witneſſes & that he had done more then he could anſwer etc: I mett with a dangerous paper of 12 queries relating to the Purchaſers & preſent poſſeſſors of Lands in Ireland. It reflects upon all the late proceedings in Gen^l: condemnes y^e D. of Ormond for joining wth y^e Olivarian intereſt & putting himſelfe in poſſeſſion of his own eſtat but keeping out all others who engaged with him ag^t the Rebels: I left it with M^r Boyle & I believe you will heare more of it. twas ſubſcribed by Philopatriae G. F. D. which reverſed is — David Ffitts Gerald: It declares a deſign of the papifts endeavouring a new tryall for their eſtates. & not before ſuch judges who are both partyes & Defend^{ts}: I ſent by M^r Southwell ſome ſmall paper cutts: done by a Frenchman at my lodgings. the incloſed are different from y^e former: I wiſh he were neerer that he might ſhew them how to divert themſelves even in paper. I am going to waite upon M^r Blathwayt at Winfor in hopes to gett matters diſpatched before I am unavoidably ſurprized by a deſperate winters voyage. My humble ſervice to y^e Ladyes concludes this from S^r

your humble ſerv^t

ED RANDOLPH.

[*With ſuperscription*] To S^r Robert Southwell
at Kings Weſton
neer Briſtoll.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Sept. 1 1685

S^r

Last Sunday the E. of Clarendon was declared L^d Leif^{mt} of Ireland; the L^d Prefident was not at y^e Councill: neither was y^e L^d Keeper who sticks close to Astrop wells. Its thought the L^d Cheife Justice may supply that vacancy after his western expedition: ended. M^r Blathwayt is hastning my dispatches for N. Eng^d and the propofalls about supplying his Mat^e with masts will take effect: for M^r Sec^{ry} Pippes has directions to consult & conclude the matter with y^e Comm^{rs} of the Navye as yet is no tidings of y^e Earl of Macklesfeild. I saw his son in close custody in y^e Tower at the tyme I called upon Gove M^r Cranfeild traytor whom M^r Blathwayt has gott sett at liberty upon some flight obligation to his Ma^{ie} for his good behaviour: by which meanes his Ma^{ie} will be freed from y^e charge of maintaining him in y^e Tower at 3^{lb} p weeke. The paper I acquainted you off is taken notice of pray God send y^e Earl of Clarendon a peaceable kingdome to manage: I shall take all occasions to pay my respects to M^r Southwell this tyme of Vacation. all is in great peace & quiett with us. Yet the Virginia merc^{hts} are under dissatisfaction about their Tobacco valindring none or very little but Aronoak which is the worst sort. & I feare that act will more empaire the navigation then improve y^e Governor. I give my humble service to y^e young Ladyes and remain S^r your most obedient servant

ED. RANDOLPH.

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I have received yours of y^e 26 of Aug^t for which I return my hearty thanks : Its thought y^e Privye Seal will be managed by Comm^{rs}.

[*With superscription.*] To S^r Robert Southwell
 at Kings Weston neer
 Bristoll.

MEMORIAL OF M^r. RANDOLPH WITH NAMES OF MEN FIT TO
BE COUNCILL^{rs}.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (359), 2 Sep. 1685.

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of y^e Committee
for Trade & forain Plantations.

May it please y^r Lordf^{ps}

I humbly annex herevnto a Note of the Names of Persons fitt to be concern'd in the Temporary Gom^t in y^e Colony of y^e Maffachufetts Bay, That your Lordf^{ps} may make Choice of so many as to y^r Lordf^{ps} may seem necessary for that Seruice. I humbly intreat That the Commiffion prepared by M^r Blathwayt may be read before y^r Lordf^{ps} enter vpon the matters in difference betwixt y^e L^d. Baltamore & M^r Penn. And that y^r Lordf^{ps} would please to direct a letter to be sent to M^r Graham to gett perfected y^e Exemplification of y^e Judgm^t ag^t the Boston Charter to be laid before y^r Lordf^{ps} at y^e next Committee least I be forced to stay yet longer for it.

A great part of the tyme limited for Seruing y^e Quo Warrantoe's vpon y^e Colonyes of Connecticutt & Road Island is
already

allready lapf'd & It's neceffary for his Ma^{tes} Seruice that I
bee forthwith difpatch'd for New Eng^d

All which is humbly Submitted. ED RANDOLPH

Sep^t 2: 1685.

[*Endorfed*] Memoriall to the R: H: the Lords of the
Committee for Trade prefented by Ed. Randolph.
The Names of ffit perfons to be putt
in to y^e Commiffion.

[*Enclofed*]

The Names of Perfons well difpofed & humbly offred to
be of his Ma^{ties} Councill in the Colony of the Maffachufetts
Bay & the Provinces in New Eng^d to confift of One Prefi-
dent one Deputy-President & 18 to be of y^e Councill.

In the Colony of the Maffa-
chufetts Bay

Joseph Dudley Efqr
Symon Bradstreet Efqr late }
Gou^r. aged 82 }
William Stoughton Efqr
Peter Bulkley Efqr
John Pinchon Efqr of }
Springfeild }
Richard Wharton Gent.
Waite Winthrop Gent.
Nathanniell Saltenftall Gent.
Bartholomew Gidney Gent.
Jonathan Ting Gent.
John Vsher Gent.
Dudley Bradstreet Gent }
fon to y Gou^r. }
Hinkfman Gent. of Chelms- }
ford The Secretary }

In the Province of New
Hampshire.

1. Robert Mafon Efqr } 13.
Proprietor }
Nathanniell ffryer Gent.
2. Robert Eliott Gent.
3. John Hinks Gent. 14
4 Province of Main.
5. ffancis Champernoon Gent. 15.
6. Edward Ting Gent. 16.
7. Edward Blackman Gent.
8.
9. Narriganfett Country or Kings
10. Province.
11. John ffitts Winthrop Efqr 17.
Edward Palmes Gent.
12. Richard Smith Gent. 18.
ffancis Beenley Gent.

[*Endorfed*]

[*Endorsed*] The Names of Perfons
ffitt to be employed in
the Gom^t of Boston etc :

[*Also enclosed*]

The Names of fitting Persons to be of the Councill in the
Colony of Charles town Bay in N. Eng^d

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| Symon Bradstreet | Jonathan Ting | William Stoughton out |
| Joseph Dudley putt out | | Peter Bulkley out. |
| The Secretary | | John Pinchon Señ. |
| William Brown Señ. out. | | Sammuell Shrimpton |
| Nathanniell Saltenfall | | Waite Winthrop |
| Richard Wharton | | Bartholomew Gidney |
| | Edward Randolph | |
| Champernoon Sec ^{ry} | | Symon Lines |

Townes to haue liberty to Chuse Affsembly men.

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| Boston | 3. | Salem | 2 |
| Ipswich | 2. | Nubery } | 2 |
| Salisbury | 1. | Andover } | |
| Brantry | 1. | Hingham | 1 |
| Winfor | | Weymouth | 1 |
| Springfeild | | Rowley } | |
| Hadley | 1. | Beverly } | 1 |
| Northampton | | Cape Ann } | |
| Dorcester | 1. | Charles town } | 2 |
| Ron[x]bury | 1 | Malden } | |
| | <hr/> 10. | Lin } | |
| | | Marblehead } | <hr/> 1 |
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[*Endorsed*] The Names of fitt perfons
for y^e Councill.
The names of y^e Townes in
that Colony.

[*Also enclosed*]

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N : Plymouth Colony.
 Persons to be of the Councill.

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| Thomas Hinkley. | William Bradford |
| John Walley. | Richard Burton |
| Thomas. | Benjamin Church |
| Lathrop. Secretary. | Secretary |

Townes to chuse Affembly men.

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| Plymouth | 1 | Marthfeild | } | 1 |
| New Bristoll | 1 | Dun[x]bery | | |
| Scituate | 2 | Tanton | | 1 |
| Sandwich | 1 | Barstable | | 1 |
| | | Swansey | | 1 |

Prouince of Maine.

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| Champernoon | Edward Ting |
| Edw ^d Blackman | Sa ^m Wheelright |
| John Shapley | Edw ^d Rushworth. Se ^c ry. |

Townes to chuse Affembly men.

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| York | 2 | Kittery | 2 |
| Wells | 2 | Kennebeck | 1 |
| Casco Bay | 1 | | |

Prouince of N : Hamp^e

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| Robert Mafon | Walter Barefoot |
| Nathanniell ffryer | Robert Elliott |
| Henry Green | Se ^c ry |

Townes to chuse Affembly men

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| Porcth mouth | 2 | Douer | 1 |
| Hampton | 2 | Great Island | 1 |
| | | | Exiter |

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| Exiter | I | Greenland | I |
| Oyfter Rieur | I | | |

[*Endorsed*] The Names of Councill And affembly men in N : Plymouth
Prouinces of N. Hamp̃s & Maine.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillips, Bart.

Sept 7 1685

S^r

I have onely to acquaint you that this evening I had the Newes of the death of y^e L^d Keeper at his Countryhouse: wee expect either L^d Jeffryes or y^e Atturney Gen^l to succeed in that station as the Speaker of your house or S^r Edward Herbart is to be master of the Rolls upon y^e Death of y^r neighbour S^r John Churchill: I am hurried by y^e Comm^{rs} of y^e Customs to be gone immediately to N. Eng^d wheither I hope to be dispatchd wth a Commiffion for a temporary Gom^t. My service to y^e young Ladyes is all S^r but my humble duty and that I am

your most obliged & humble serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With superscription*] To S^r Robert Southwell
At Kings Weston
neer
Bristoll.

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Plantation Office

Sept 10th 1685S^r

This afternoon I waited upon M^r Boile who was pleased to lend me the printed Articles about Ireland which M^r Po-vey orders to be copied & sent to you this Post. M^r Boyle tells me they will do a great deal of good & will be answered very accurately with a choice discovery of many things as yett not made known to the world I will beg a copy if not printed so soon as published & send it to Kings Weston. he enquired after you & desired me to present his humble service to you without complement: I have not had tyme to waite upon M^r Sowthwell since I had the honour of his good company to Greenwich: where M^r Fflamsted treated him with great respect & had our tyme permitted have entertained him with his curious diversions: but wee made haft to London. I am attending my good freind M^r Blathwayt who makes it no small part of his care to improve to me the offices which I am engaging in in our New Eng^d busines: M^r Mafon is nominated one of our Councill: twill be a great favour to him and promote the generall design of their quiett settlement if you would please by your letter before I go to advise him to moderation for I feare when he comes to be mated with some of his former antagonists twill transport his passion & putt all into a ferment: S^r N. Butler is primeir at the Custome house S^r Dudley North being in the Country upon the Death of his brother: I lately laid
before

before that Board a paper informing that I was ready to go:
 But shewed the impossibility of my securing the trade of that
 country extending above 100 leagues upon y^e sea: & that
 unlesse there be a small frigott to plye upon that Coast their
 shippes will now more than ever ship off Tobacco & Sugers
 becaufe of the late impositions in Eng^d I find them well
 inclind & prepare that matter with the necessity of my hav-
 ing a Boat & men alwayes to attend y^e Kings service: &
 this to be presented to my L^d Treasurer. No newes of y^e
 Lord Macklesfeild: nor who shall be L^d Keeper: the vogue
 runns for y^e L^d Jeffryes: this will very much delay my dis-
 patches for N. Eng^d & bring me upon y^e Coast in the ex-
 tremity of their stormy season which is very hazardous
 upon y^e beginning of their winter: I heartily thank you for
 taking notice of my affaires to his Grace y^e D of Bewforth.
 & remain in all duty S^r your most humble serv^t
 my humble service to y^e ED. RANDOLPH.
 young Ladyes.

[*With superscription*] To S^r Robert Southwell
 at Kings Weston
 neer
 Bristoll.

COMMISSION TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 95. 21 September 1685.

James Rex.

James the second by the Grace of God, King of England,
 Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, and to
 all to whom these presents shall come, greeting. Whereas

we have thought fit to appoint a Prefident and Council, until we shall fend over a Governour in Chief to take care of all our Territory and Dominion in New England, commonly called or known by the names of the Colony of the Maffachufetts Bay, the Province of New Hampshire and Maine, and the Narraganfett Country, otherwise called the King's Province, with all the iflands, rights and members thereunto belonging, Know ye, that we repofing, efpecial truſt and confidence in the loyalty and abilities of our truſty and well beloved Edward Randollp, Efq., have given and granted, and, by theſe preſents, do give and grant unto him, the ſaid Edward Randolph, the ſeveral and reſpective places and offices of Secretary and Sole Register of our Governor and Council, and of our government there, for the time being, of and in our Territories and Dominion aforeſaid, and him, (the ſaid Edward Randolph, Secretary and Register of our Said Territory and Dominion), we do, by theſe preſents, make, ordain and conſtitute, to have, hold, exerciſe and enjoy the ſaid places and offices, or to him, the ſaid Edward Randolph, by himſelf or his deputy or deputies during our pleaſure, together with all fees, rights, privileges, profits, perquiſites and advantages, to the ſaid places and offices, or either of them, belonging or in any wiſe appertaining in as full and ample manner to all intents and purpoſes, as the Secretary and Register of our Iſland of Jamaica, or of any other our Plantations in America, have had or do now receive and enjoy. And hereof all perſons, whom it may concern, are to take due notice, and yeild obedience thereunto accordingly. Given at our Court at Windſor the 21ſt day of September, 1685 in the firſt year of our reign.

His

HIS MA^{TYS} COMMISSION, FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF NEW
ENGLAND.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 61, p. 252. 27 Sept. 1685.

James the Second by the Grace of God King of England Scotland France and Ireland Defender of the Faith &c. To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting. Whereas a Writ of Scire facias has been issued out of Our high Court of Chancery against the late Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, whereby the Government of that Colony and Members thereof is now in Our hands, And wee being minded to give all Protection and Encouragement to Our good Subjects therein, and to provide in the most Effectuall manner that due and impartiall Justice may be administred in all Cases Civil and Criminal, and y^t all possible care may be taken for the just, quiet & orderly Government of the same; Know yee therefore that Wee by and with the advice of Our Privy Councill have thought fit to Erect Constitute and appoint a President and Councill to take care of all that Our Territory & Dominion of New England in America, commonly called and knowne by the Name of Our Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, And Our Provinces of New Hampshire and Maine, and the Narraganzet Country otherwise called the Kings Province, with all the Islands, Rights and Members thereunto appertaining, and to Order Rule and Govern the same according to such Methods and Regulations as are herein after specified and Declared, untill Our Cheif Governor shall arrive within Our said Colonys; And for the better Execution of Our Royall
pleasure

pleasure in this behalf, Wee do hereby Nominate and appoint Our Trusty and Welbeloved Subject Joseph Dudley Esq^r to be the first President of the said Councill and to Continue in the said Office untill Wee Our Heires or Successors shall otherwise direct; And wee do likewise Nominate and appoint Our Trusty and Welbeloved Subjects Simon Bradstreet, William Staughton, Peter Bulkeley, John Pinchon, Robert Mafon, Richard Wharton, Wait Winthorpe, Nathaniel Saltenstall, Bartholomew Gidney, Jonathan Ting, John Usher, Dudley Bradstreet, John Hincks, Francis Champernoon, Edward Ting, John Fitz Winthrop and Edward Randolph Esq^{res} to be of our Councill within Our said Territorys and Colonys; And that the said Joseph Dudley and every succeeding President of the said Councill shall and may Nominate and appoint any One of the Members of the said Councill for the time being to be his Deputy and to Preside in his absence: And that the said President or his Deputy and any Seaven of the said Councill shall be a Quorum. And our exprefs will and Pleasure is, that no person shall be admitted to sit or have a Vote in the said Councill untill he hath taken the Oath of Allegiance, and the oath hereafter mentioned for the due and impartial Execution of Justice, and the faithfull discharge of the Trust in them Reposed; which Oaths wee do hereby authorize and direct the said Simon Bradstreet, William Staughton, Peter Bulkeley, John Pinchon, Robert Mafon, Richard Wharton, Wait Winthorp, Nathaniel Saltenstall, Bartholomew Gidney, Jonathan Ting, John Usher, Dudley Bradstreet, John Hinks, Henry Champernoon, Edward Ting, John fitz Winthrop and Edward Randolph, or any three of them first to administer
unto

unto the said Joseph Dudley the first President, and the said Joseph Dudley having taken the said Oaths, Wee do will authorize and require him and the President for the time being to administer the same from time to time to all and every other the Members of Our said Councill; And wee do hereby will and require and Command Our said President & Councill and every of them to whom this Our pleasure shall be made known, that, all Excuses whatsoever set a part, They faile not to assemble and meet together at Our Town of Boston in New England asoon as may be within the space of Twenty dayes at the farthest next after the Arrivall of this Our Cōmission at Our said Town of Boston, and there to Cause this Our Commiſſion or Letters Patents to be read before such of them as shall be there Assembled, together with the Exemplification of the Judgement passed in Our high Court of Chancery against the said late Governor and Company of the Massachusetts Bay. And having duely first taken the said Oaths, to proceed to nominate and appoint such officers and Servants as they shall think fit and necessary for Our Service, And also to appoint such other time and place for their future meetings as They or the Major part of them, Whereof the President or his Deputy to be one, shall think fit & agree. And Our will and Pleasure is, that Our said Councill shall from time to time have and use such Seal onely for the sealing their Acts and Orders and proceedings as shall be appointed by us Our heires and Successors for that purpose. And wee do by these presents for Us Our heires and Successors Constitute Establish Declare and appoint Our said President & Councill and their successors for the time being to be a Constant and Setled Court of
Record

Record for the adminiftration of Juftice to all Our Subjects inhabiting within the Limits aforefaid in all Cauſes as well Civill as Criminall. And that the Prefident or any Seaven of the Councill for the time being ſhall have full power and authority to hold Plea in all Cafes from time to time aſwell in pleas of the Crown, and in all matters relating to the Conſervation of the Peace and puniſhment of Offenders, as in Civil Sutes and Actions between party & party, or between Us and any of our Subjects there, whether the ſame do Concern the Realty and relate to any Right of Freehold and Inheritance, or whether the ſame do Concerne the Perſonalty and relate to ſome matter of Debt Contract Damage or other perſonall Injury; And alſo in all mixt Actions which may Concern both Realty and Perſonalty; And therein, after due and Orderly proceeding and Deliberate hearing of both ſides, to give Judgem^t and to award Execution as well in Criminal as in Civil Cafes as aforefaid: So alwayes that the formes of Proceedings in ſuch Cafes and the Judgments thereupon to be given be as Conſonant and agreeable to the Lawes and Statutes of this Our Realm of England as the preſent State and Condition of Our Subjects Inhabiting within the Limits aforefaid, and the Circumſtances of the place, will admit. And the Prefident and Councill for the time being and every one of them Reſpectively, before they be admitted to their Severall and reſpective offices, and Charges, ſhall alſo take this Oath following; You ſhall ſwear well and truly to adminiſter Juſtice to all his Ma^{ty}'s good Subjects inhabiting within the Territory and Dominion of New England under this his Ma^{ty}'s Governm^t, and alſo duly and faithfully to diſcharge and execute the
truſt

truſt in you reposed, according to the beſt of yo^r knowledge ;
You ſhall ſpare no perſon for favor or affection, nor any per-
ſon grieve for hatred or ill-will, So help you God.

And wee do further hereby give and grant unto Our ſaid
Prefident and Councill or to the Major part of them, full
power & authority to Erect Conſtitute and Eſtabliſh ſuch
and ſo many County Courts and other Inferior Courts of
Judicature and publick Juſtice within Our ſaid Colony and
Dominion as they ſhall think fit and Neceſſary for the hear-
ing and determining of all Cauſes, as well Criminall as Civill,
according to Law and Equity, and for awarding of Execu-
tion thereupon, with all reaſonable & neceſſary powers, au-
thoritys, Fees & priviledges belonging unto Them.

Nevertheleſs It is Our will and pleaſure and ſo wee doe
hereby expreſly Declare, that it ſhall and may be lawfull from
time to time, to and for all and every perſon who ſhall think
him or themſelves agrieved by any Sentence Judgment or
Decree pronounced given or made as aforeſaid in about or
Concerning the title of any Land or other Reall Eſtate, or in
any perſonall Action or Sute above the Value of three hun-
dred Pounds, and not under, to Appeal from Such Judgment
Sentence and Decree unto Us in Our Privy Councill, but
with and under this Caution and Limitation, that the Ap-
pellant ſhall firſt enter into and give good Security to pay
full Coſts in Caſe no Releif ſhall be obtained upon Such
appeale : And for the better defence and Security of all Our
Loving Subjects within Our ſaid Territory and Dominion
of New England, Our further Will and Pleaſure is, and
Wee do hereby Authorize, Require and Command Our ſaid
Prefident and Councill for the time being in Our Name
and

and under the Seale by Us appointed or to be appointed to be used, to give and issue forth Commissions from time to time to such person and persons whom they shall Judge best qualified for the Regulation and Discipline of the Militia of Our said Territory and Dominion, and for the Arraying and Mustring the Inhabitants thereof & Instructing them how to bear and use their Armes; and that Care be taken that such good Discipline shall be observed as by the said Council shall be prescribed. And that if any Invasions shall at any time be made, or other Destruction Detriment or Annoyance made or done by Indians or others upon or unto Our good Subjects Inhabiting within the said Territory and Dominion, Wee by these presents for Us Our Heires and Successors Declare Ordain and Grant that it shall and may be Lawfull to and for Our said Subjects so Commissioned by Our said Council from time to time and at all times for their speciall Defence and Safety to encounter, Expell, Repell and Resist by force of Armes and all other fitting wayes and means whatsoever all and every such person and persons as shall at any time hereafter attempt or Enterprize the Destruction Invasion Detriment or annoyance of any of Our said Loving Subjects or their Plantations or Estates. And above all things Wee do by these Presents will, requir & Command Our said Council to take all possible care for the discountenance of all Vice, and encouragement of Virtue and good Living, that by such Example the Infidels may be invited and desire to partake of the Christian Religion. And for the greater ease and satisfaction of Our said Loving Subjects in matter of Religion, Wee do hereby will require and Command that liberty of Conscience shall be allowed unto

unto all persons, and that such especially as shall be Conformable to the Rights of the Church of England shall be particularly Countenanced and encouraged. And further Wee do by these presents for Us Our heires and Successors give and Grant unto the said Councill and their Successors for the time being full and free liberty, power and Authority, to hear and determine in all Emergencys relating to the Peace and good Governm^t of Our Subjects within the said Province, And also to Summon and Convene any person or persons before them, and punish Contempts, and to Cause the Oath of Allegiance to be administred to all and every person & persons who shall be admitted to any Office or Preferment. And for supporting the Charge of the Governm^t of Our said Territory and Dominion of New England, Our will and pleasure is, and Wee do by these presents authorize and require the said President and Councill to Continue such Taxes and Impositions as have been and are now laid and Imposed upon the Inhabitants thereof, and that They levy and distribute, or Cause the same to be levied and distributed to those Ends in the best and most equal manner they can.

Also Our will and pleasure is, and Wee do hereby direct and appoint, that if the said President of Our Councill shall happen to dye, that then from & after the death of the said President, his Deputy shall succeede him in the office of President, and shall and may Nominate and Choose any one of the Councill to be his Deputy to preside in his absence; and the said Deputy so succeeding shall Continue in the said Office of President untill Our further Will and pleasure be known therein. And if any of the Members of the said

Councill fhall happen to dye, Our will and pleafure is, and Wee do hereby direct and appoint the Prefident of Our Councill for the time being to Eleēt fome other Perfon to be a Member of the faid Councill for that time, and to fend over the Name of fuch perfon fo chofen, and the Names of two more whom Our faid Prefident fhall judge fitly qualified for the faid Truft; That Wee Our heires and fucceffors may nominate and appoint w^{ch} of the three fhall be the Member in the place of the Member fo dying. And laftly Our will & pleafure is, that the faid Prefident and Councill for the time being do prepare and fend unto Us fuch Rules and Methods for their owne Proceedings as may beft Sute with the Conftitution of Our Territory and Dominion aforefaid, and for the better Eftablifhing Our authority there and the Government thereof, that Wee may alter or approve the fame as Wee fhall think fit. In Witnes &c. Dated the 27th of September in y^e firft year of Our Reign 1685.

DOCKET OF M^R. RANDOLPH'S CŌMISSION.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. V. p. 437.

October 1685 { Annō Regni Regis
Jacoḃ Šndj Primo.

A Grant unto Edward Randolph Efqr of the Office of Surveyor of all the Woods and Timber growing upon any of the Main Lands or Iflands within Ten or Twelve Miles of any Navigable River, Creek or Harbour, within the Province of Maine in New England. To Execute the faid Office by himfelf or Deputy with the Fee of Fifty pounds

rather pay to his Mat^{ie} 6^d an acre than one farthing to M^r Ma-
 fon. & now since Charters are at so low an ebb I feare his
 Grants will hardly hold out upon a tryall at y^e Councill
 Board: he is sure of all assistance from y^e Plantation Office:
 but his Enemyes have the larger purse & upon his accept-
 ance of Bermodos his Ma^{tie} may be induced for his former
 extraordinary services to make that place more for his pri-
 vate advantage: but I know not what his conceptions may
 bee of such propofalls. I believe this day at Winfor I may
 have a further discourse with M^r Blathwayt of this matter.
 I feare he will be in a perpetuall contest about his lands in
 N. Eng^d which I heartily wish he had settled to his satisfac-
 tion. All hatts & knees are bowed to the New Great L^d
 Chancellor who since his coming to town has from his Ma^{ie}
 named S^r Robert Jeffryes to be L^d Mayor for y^e enfewing
 yeare: Nothing now as I can think of can encourage Co^{tt}
 Kerk to expect the Gom^t of N. Eng^d but the promise of his
 late Mat^{ie} which how farr his present Ma^{ie} will oblige him-
 selfe to take notice of is yet questionable. I heare the L^d
 Chancellour is now well satisfied that the reports of his
 manage in y^e Gom^t Taunton are more then flying rumors:
 his Ma^{te} will be in town Tuesday next. I then go to the
 Downes, aboard y^e Rose frigatt to gett all things in readines
 for my voyage. & then return to receive his Ma^t Commands.
 I have not lately seen M^r Boile but will call upon him: for
 that answear if ready: I give you my most humble thanks
 for all favors & remain S^r

your most humble serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With superscription*] To S^r Robert Southwell
 at Kings Weston neer Bristoll.

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Oct 14 1685

Sr

Saterday laſt I went to the Downes to viſite the Roſe frigott in order make an accomodation for myſelfe & family: for the voyage: her commander is Capt. George: a civill perſon. She is the biggeſt fiſt [firſt] rate yet one of the worſt for ſayling: the proviſions for 6 months are aboard & I expect to ſayle in 10 dayes tyme at fartheſt. At my return I mett with yours of the 10th inſtant having juſt upon my leaving the town received y^r letter of the fiſt [firſt]: I have waited upon M^r Boile to procure a copy of the Anfwear to y^e Queries: he tells me they are very well done & have been preſented to the L^d Leiſt^{nt} but as yet no copies will be given out: his Lordſ^p this morning told me that next Munday come ſevenight he intends to leave the Town & ſett forth for Ireland & told me he had lately wrote to you: I hope to gett my diſpatches ready to be going by the middle of next weeke at fartheſt: and I am confident y^r letters to M^r Maſon will be of great uſe to him wheither hee ſtay or be removed to Bermodos: from your hearty aſſent to what M^r Blathwayt was pleaſed to propoſe to me I ſhall review the matter & putt it in a prosperous way: & ſince charters are now at ſo low an ebb: I feare M^r Maſon will find little benefitt by his antique Grants in N. Eng^d Laſt night I mett M^r Southwell at y^e Plantation Office & is this day entertained with the varietyes of y^e Court where in y^e Clerk of y^e Councils Office is kept a Splendid ball: & tis ſaid their

Maties

Maties will grace it with a Dance. I have sent down my few goods & shall have little more to do but to receive my freinds commands: I give my humble service to y^r young Ladyes: & hope by this tyme you have perfectly recovered yourfelfe from y^r late paines: giving you my most hearty thanks for all favors I remain S^r

your most obliged & most obedient serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With superscription*] To S^r Robert Southwell
at Kings Weston
neer Bristoll
present

PET^N OF M^R RANDOLPH FOR FFLAGGS.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (367).

17. Oct: 1685.

To the R^t Hon^{ble} The Lords of the Comm^{tee} for Trade & Forreign Plantations.

May it please Your Lordships

His Ma^{ty} hauing now by his Commiffion under the great Seal Establiſhed a Governm^t in the Colony of y^e Maffachufets^r Bay @ in y^e Provinces of Main & New hampshire in N: Eng^d I humbly propoſe as a thing greatly neceſſary for his Ma^{ty}s Service there, that I may haue an Order to Receiue from y^e Office of the Ordnance Flaggs for His Ma^{ty}s Caſtle & Forts in that Governm^t that is to ſay

| | |
|---|--------------|
| For the Caſtle w ^{ch} commands all | } Two Flaggs |
| Shipping Coming to Boſton | |
| For y ^e 2 forts at Boſton | 2 Flaggs |
| For the Fort at Piſcataqua | 2 Flaggs |

For

For y^e Fort at Salem 2 Flaggs

For y^e Fort at Charles Town 2 Flaggs

All which is humbly submitted.

[*Endorsed*] Copy
M^r Randolph's
Petition for Flaggs.

Read 17 Oct: 1685.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Oct. 23. 1685

S^r

I have received yours of y^e 19th instant & the day before was with M^r Boile who has not as yet the answear but he fayer tis very well done: the Lord Leift^{nts} tyme is not yet fetled: some question wheither his Exce^{tt}. will not stay till y^e opning of the Parl^{mt} I am now preparing for y^e Downes as fast as I can. the Capt being impatient of a longer stay: tomorrow I have orders for 500^{lb} from y^e Navy board & by Munday all my Commiffions publick & private will be compleated.

I shall not be wanting in New England to acknowledge your obligations by all occasions & shall engage some of my freinds there to find out some varietyes to send to your grounds at Kings Weston besides Nutts: & shall lett M^r Bulkley & M^r Stoughton know you are pleased to continue your respects to them & desire the settlement of their distracted Country upon a good foundation: I shall deliver yours to M^r Mafon upon my arrivall but M^r Cranfeild as S^r
Rich^d

Rich^d Dutton told me is at Barbados & staves for Orders to come for Eng^d So that I have left your letter to him with Mr Jō Povey where he is soonest like to receive it. I shall fettle a correspondence with Mr Southwell & find out some new diversions from our parts for him.

S^r I have found extraordinary civilityes from Mr Sec^{ry} Pepys & from S^r Richard Haddock beyond what I could expect & intreat you when you come to town to give them my hearty acknowledgm^{ts} for their civilityes. I have spent too much tyme in discourfing my busines. Its now high tyme to be upon action in which God willing I shall use all care & circumfpection to acquitt myfelfe to his Mat^{ie} who has been so bountifull to me beyond my propofalls: formerly after I had paid the Dangers of the seas I expected a greater storm a shoar then I mett with in my voyage, & never failed of my expectation: but now matters turning so quick upon their freinds in England I shall find them all in our N. Govern^t of another minde: & when they come to heare that Sheriffe Cornish was hangd & quartered in the heart of their Citty in Cheapfide upon a Gibbett against the Geild Hall they will be glad to be quiett even upon any tearmes. my busines shall be to gett all matters carried fairely for his Ma^{ie} & the generall good of that country who know not how to be kind to themselves. if you have any further services I shall receive them in the Downes from y^e Plantation Office. I have onely to repeat my humble & hearty thanks to you for all your favors; & shall carefully observe all your directions scattered to me in your letters since my arrivall in Eng^d which are of constant use to me: my humble service
to

to the young ladyes. praying heartily for health & prosperity
to you & your tender Plants I remain

S^r your most humble &

most obliged serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With superscription*] To S^r Robert Sowthwell
at Kings Weston neer Bristoll

M^R. R. RATCLIFF A MINISTER TO BE PROVIDED FOR.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 61, p. 259. 30 Oct. 1685.

After Our hearty Commendations unto you; Whereas
the R^t Reverend father in God the L^d B^{pp} of London hath
represented unto Us that he hath made Choice of the bearer
hereof, M^r Robert Ratcliffe master of Arts, as a person fitly
qualified to Reside in New England to take care off and In-
struct such of his Ma^{tys} subjects as shall apply themselves
unto him, or shall desire to serve God according to the Rites
of the Church of England; Wee have thought fit to recom-
mend him unto you, that you may give him a fair Recep-
tion, and affoord him from time to time all necessary Coun-
tenance and Protection, wherein he shall need your assist-
ance; so that he may not faile of a kinde entertainment and
futable maintenance among you. And so not doubting of
your ready Compliance herewith, Wee bid you very heartily
farewell. From the Court at Whitehall the 30th day of
October 1685.

Yo^r loving Friends

JEFFREYS C.

MULGRAVE

BERKELEY

ROCHESTER

SUNDERLAND

MIDDLETON

CLARENDON C. P. S.

CRAVEN

PRESTON

JOHN NICHOLAS.

LIST OF PAPERS GIVEN TO RANDOLPH, GOING TO NEW
ENGLAND.*State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 108, p. 223.*On the 5th of November 1685

^{5 Nov:}
New England Is delivered to M^r Randolph Secretary of New
England now going thither

An Exemplification of the Judgement against the Charter
of the Maffachufets Colony in New England.

A Commiffion vnder the Great Seal of England consti-
tuting a Temporary Gov^r of New England.

The King's Warrant Authorizing the vse of the late
Company's Seal in New England.

A letter from the Committee to the Prefident and Council
of New England, to return Quarterly Accompts of their
Proceedings.

A letter from the Committee to y^e Prefid^t and Council
of New England, with Heads of Inquiry.

A Letter from the Committee to the Sec^{ry} of New Eng-
land to return Quarterly Accompts of Proceedings in New
England.

A LIST OF PAPERS RECEIVED FROM THE PLANTATION OFFICE
THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER 1685: (BY M^r. RANDOLPH⁴)*State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 54 (369).*

The Exemplification of the Judgment for the King
against the Maffachufets Charter.

The Commiffion for a temporary Gouvernm^t of New
England.

⁴ Different handwriting.

A warrant authorizing the late Companys Seale in New England till an other be Sent over.

A letter from the Committee to the President and Council of New England to tranfmit Quarterly Accounts.

A letter from the Committee to the President and Council of New England with heads of Inquiry.

A letter from the Committee to the Secretary of New England for quarterly accompts of Proceedings.

A Deputation from M^r Blathwayt to M^r Randolph for the office of Auditor of New England.

ED: RANDOLPH.

[*Endorsed*] 5 Nov: 85.
M^r Randolph's
Rec^t for Papers.

M^R. RANDOLPH TO BE POST MASTER OF NEW ENGLAND.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 61, p. 269, 23 Nov. 1685.

Laurence Earle of Rochester, Viscount Hide of Kenelworth and Baron of Wotton Bassett, Lord high Treasurer of England, One of the Lords of his Ma^{ty}'s Privy Council, Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter, and Post Master Generall in the Kingdom of England Scotland and Ireland and in all other his Ma^{ty}s other Dominions, Territorys and Isles thereunto belonging in Europe, Africa, and America ⁵

To all People to whom this shall come Greeting, Know
Yee

⁵ See *The Fall of the Monarchy of Charles I.*, by S. R. Gardiner, ed. 1882, Vol. I. p. 82, for an account of the establishment of a post office in England in 1635.

Yee that I the said Laurence Earle of Rochester well knowing the loyalty and fidelity to his Ma^{ty} of Edward Randolph Esq^{re}, and repofing great Truft and Confidence in the Knowledge, Care and Ability of the said Edward Randolph, Do by thefe presents Depute Conftitute authorize and appoint him the said Edward Randolph my Deputy Postmafter in New England and all the parts thereof, Subject nevertheless to Such Inſtructions Orders and direCTIONS as he ſhall from time to time receive from his Ma^{ty}, Me the ſaid Poſt maſter Generall, or from the Governor of the Generall Letter Office in London. In witneſs Whereof I the ſaid Laurence Earle of Rochester have hereunto Set my hand and Cauſed my Seale of the ſaid Office in Such Cafes uſed to be affixed: dated the three and twentieth day of November 1685.
ROCHESTER.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Deal: No^{ber} y^e 10th 1685:

S^r

I thanke God I am ſafe arrived here, & nothing but my great defire to be upon y^e place of my buſines could force me to leave London till I had taken your farewell: but I know your goodnes will pardon me: eſpecially when I tell you that tho I ſent my goods down about a fortnight ago: and hoped they had been all ſafe aboard y^e ſhip yett now I find them ſcattered up and down: & my whole accomodation to make in the ſhip which will take up my tyme & thoughts to gett ſetled: juſt upon my coming from y^e Plantation

tation Office M^r Blathwayt advised me to gett a Deputation from M^r Ffroud to erect a Post Office in New Eng^d that night I spoak to M^r Castleton about it & have now sent him a letter to remind him of it under M^r Poveys cover. what profit arifes I design to M^r Masons young children in England. I allow them now 20th a yeare till his better fortunes will afford them a larger supply. I shall not be wanting to do him & his all the service that lyes in my power. At my taking leave of y^e E. of Clarendon I reminded his Lord^{sh} of M^r Mason to be appointed to y^e Gom^t of Bermodos which was well approved of by his Lord^{sh} & I hope will be for his benefitt: bad weather comes upon us & I feare a greater then the last storm here. in which some ships putt to sea & are not yet heard of: I have not tyme to say how much I am obliged to you I hope to live to expresse & make my acknowledgm^t upon all occasions & continue to be in all duty

your most obliged Serv^t

ED RANDOLPH

My humble service to M^r Sowthwell.

[*With superscription*]

To the Hon^d
S^r Robert Sowthwell
at the Plantation Office
Whitehall.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

S^r

Deal No^{br} 23 1685

Tho I have been for some tyme out of town yet by the late newes especially which comes to my hands I beleive
you

you have been sufficiently harrased in your publick manage : I am heartily forry to heare you are putt to a full stop. Pray God send a calme & a happy meeting that all things may tend to his glory & to y^e Hon^r of the King & benefitt & fatisfaction of all good men. M^r Sec^{ry} Pepys my worthy freind has advised Capt George Command^r to gett all ready to attend his Ma^{tie} further Commands for the Rose So that in 3 or 4 dayes the wind presenting I hope wee may sett forward for our dangerous voyage : Pray God send all to do well at home & I question not but to give a good tho late account of our manage in N. Eng^d. I have been ill treated with an ague & y^e Gravell but at this instant I thank God am well fatisfied that wee shall leave this dirty town : S^r you have upon all occasions laid such obligations upon me that at my arrivall in N. Eng^d I will send you from thence such varieties as that Country dos afford. I am likewise by M^r Gwin (to whom my humble service) commanded to present y^e Dutches of Beaufort with some seeds & plants from thence. We want a skilfull Herbalist to discover them to us : I give M^r Sowthwell my humble service & wishes all happines to him & y^e young ladyes and am S^r

your most obliged serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

S^r R. Sowthwell

[*With superscription*]

To S^r Robert Sowthwell
at y^e Plantation Office
humbly present.

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Deal: No^{ber} 27th 1685.

Hon^d S^r

I had fooner anfweared y^{rs} of y^e 24th instant but I was obliged to be aboard y^e Rose to prepare for our fayling expecting orders of y^e date of yours: you cannot question but I was well appointed to go to N. Engd with fuch Comiffions & directions as his Ma^{tie} was pleased to fend by me. and to abide fuch an event as the humors of the people at that diftance under different apprehenfions would hurry them to: But fince you have been pleased to give me a hint of a happy underftanding which may be the produce of this prorogation: I go over with abundance of fatisfaction and question not but that may be of great force to oblige thefe people to a dutyfull compliance with his Ma^{tie} commands. I heartily thanke you for recommending me to M^r Ffrowde to the management of y^e Poft Office I received a deputation (by his recommending me to y^e Lord Treafurer) from his Lord^{fp} to be poft mafter of New Eng^d with an affurance of an advantage to be made me when that Office is fetled.

I fhall not trouble you with any plants or produce from New Eng^d but fuch as will grow in Kings Wefton and of thofe I fhall fend all the variety that country affords: but my going fo late will prevent my getting any till next yeare I would glad be furnifhed with fome directions about M^r Maſon being very unwilling to think he fhould be obliged to come for England to be expofed to his mercileffe creditors.

Twould be very gratefull to N. Eng^d if his Matie fhould
fend

send over S^r Mathias Vincent or some Gen^t of good estate :
twill make the Gom^t very easye to those people who have
been greatly oppressed. & now will be ruined by these late
new imposts upon Plantation Comodityes.

I heartily wish you a safe journey home & to bee free from
y^r late indisposition. My humble service to M^r Sowthwell &
to all y^e young ladyes: making my sincere & most gratefull
acknowledgment for your never to be forgotten favors I
humbly take leave & am

S^r your most humble &
most obliged serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*With superscription*]

To the hon^d
S^r Robert Sowthwell
at y^e Plantation Office
neer Whitehall

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

Deal Jan^y 11. 1685.

S^r

Were I worthy to have foreseen so long a stay in this
Dirty & chargeable town I would have stayd in town to
receive your commands & made myselfe happy in seeing you
once more. but I meet with a sufficient remorse & how long
yet I may be detaind I cannot tell in regard our ship broak
2 Cables in the Great Storm last Thirsdlay night & wee are
to stay here or call at Portsmouth for a supply : severall ships
were lost upon y^e Goodwin & one great Dutch East India
man outward bound with 3 anchors a head drewe thro' the
Downes

Downes northward thro the whole fleet & is not yet heard of. here were above 300 sayle wind bound & now most of them are gon to sea. I have the newes of another prorogation : I could have been glad wee had sayld before that report came out, our delay I feare will be very prejudiciall : to the bufines I am engaged in : I carry over with me a very sober Gent for our minifter who will by his modest & prudent converse gaine upon the people. Our Commander has orders to continue upon our Coast for a twelve month except the president se fitt to send him home with prifoners. That Article may keep the heady in awe : my most humble service to you & to M^r Sowthwell & to y^e young Ladyes intreating the continuance of your favour is all at present from S^r

your most humble & most obedient serv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

TO S^R. ROB^T SOWTHWELL

[*With superscription*]

To the Hon^d

S^r Robert Sowthwell

at Kings Weston

neer Bristoll

WALTER CLARKE TO EDWARD RANDOLPH, ESQ.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CCXLII. p. 335.

Eftemed and courtious

Understanding by the blessing of God of thy landing at Boston the 13th instant, hold myselfe obliged to congratulate thy safe arrival once more into these American parts, and to assure thee that I stand constituted in my present capacity, shall be glad to serve thee in any office of love to my power,
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which

which I prefume in the minds of all my well beloved friends; and hope our practice will demonstrate the same if time and opportunity offer; having a true regard to all such whome his Majesty, in his princely wisdom, thinks meett to Imploye in his weighty concerns, is all at present, & with dew Respects to all sd Emediately concerned.

Remaine thy Afured ffriend

WALTER CLARKE

Newport one Rhoad Island, this 15 day 3 mo. 1686

[*Endorsed*] ffor his esteemed Ed Randolfe Esquire
in Boston these.

DUDLEY & RANDOLPH TO THE COM^{TE}

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (65).

Boston N.E. May 16. 1686.

Right Hon^{able}

May it Please yo^r Lordsh^p

After a tedious Voyage the Rose frigatt Capt. George Command^r arrived here the fourteenth Instant with M^r Randolph, from whome wee received his Maj^{ties} gracious Commission of Govern^t together with an Exemplification of the judgem^t against the late Govern^r and Comp^a of the Massathusetts bay in New England, and Accordingly wee are now Affembled this day, to send Summons to the Gentl^m therein Nominated (some whereof are farre distant) to attend at a short day, and humbly Assure yo^r Lordsh^p that Wee Accept this his Maj^{ties} unspeakable favour with all duty and Obedience, And shall send yo^r Lordsh^p an Acco^t of our management by M^r Mason one of the Councill who comes to England by the

the next ship, and will Attend yo^r Lordsh^{ip} with a full Acco^t of our proceedings.

JOSEPH DUDLEY
ED: RANDOLPH Sec^{ry}.

[*Endorsed*] New england
May 16th 86.
M^r Dudley &
M^r Randolph

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO FITZ-JOHN WINTHROP.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Sixth Series, Vol. III. p. 474.

Boston, May 17th 1686

S^r, — I am commanded by M^r Dudley, our President, to acquaint you that his Maj^{tie} hath been pleased to appoint you to be one of the Councill now established by his Commis^sion under the Great Seal, which wee have received, and are desirous of your company, & have no other argument to proffer your speed than to acquaint you his Ma^{ties} affaires here want your prefence; which will be acceptable to the gentlemen already mett & to him who is.

S^r, your humble serv^t.

E: RANDOLPH

To Major Jo: Winthrop

COURTS REPLY TO HIS MAJESTY'S COMMISSIONERS.

Massachusetts Records, Vol. V. p. 515. 20 May 1686.

Gentⁿ: —

Wee have perused what yow left wth us as a true copy of his maj^{ties} commiss^sion, shewed to us the 17th instant, impowring
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ing yow for the governing of his maj'ties subjects inhabiting this colony, and other places therein mentioned.

Yow then applyed yourselves to us, not as a Goũno^r & Company, (but as yow were pleased to terme us) some of the principall gentlemen and cheife of the inhabitants of the severall tounes of the Maffachufetts, amongst other discourse saying it concerned us to confider what there might be thought hard & uneasy.

1. Upon perusall whereof wee finde, as wee conceive, first, that there is no certaine determinate rule for your administration of justice, & that which is seemes to be too arbitrary.

2^{ly}. That the subjects are abridged of their liberty as Englishmen, both in the matter of legislation and in the laying of taxes, and indeed the whole unquestioned priviledge of the subject transferred upon yourselves, there being not the least mention of an assemply in the com̃ission.

And therefore wee thinke it highly concernes yow to consider whither such a com̃ission is safe, either for yow or us; but if yow are so sattisfied therein as that you hold yourselves obleidged thereby, and do take upon you the government of this people, although wee cannot give our assent thereto, yet hope shall demeane ourselves as true & loyall subjects to his maj^{ty}, and humbly make our addresses unto God, & in due time, to our gracious prince, for our releife. Past by the whole Court, nemine contradicente.

By order

EDW^d RAWSON, Secre^t.

20th May, 1686

[*superscribed*]

[*Superscribed*] These for Joseph Dudley Esq̃. & the rest of the gentⁿ named in his maj^{ties} Co^mission.⁶

[*Addressed*] These for Joseph Dudley Esq^{re} & the rest of the Gentⁿ named in his Maj^{ties} Co^mission & was sent unto them by Samuel Seawall Esq^{re} & Mr. John Saffin y^e same time.

COURT'S ORDER FOR A REPOSITORY OF PAPERS. [20 MAY
1686.]

Massachusetts Records, Vol. V. p. 516.

Ordered by this Court, that Samuel Nowell, Esq̃, Mr Jn^o Saffin, & Cap^t Timothy. Prout be a co^mittee for a repository of such papers on file with the secretary as referr to our charter, & negotiations, from time to time, for the security thereof, with such as referr to our title of our land, by purchase of Indeans or otherwise; and the secretary is ordered accordingly to deliver the same unto them.

[21] This day the whole Court mett at the Go^oino's house, & there the Court was adjourned to the second Wednesday in October next, at eight of the clocke in y^e morning.

EDWARD

⁶ *Massachusetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVI. p. 1. "General Courts and thereof." [In the handwriting of Edward Rawson] took on himself the Gov^t, as President
adverse to J. Dudley when he

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO GOVERNOR TREAT AND COUNCIL.
[OF CONNECTICUT.]

Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. III. p. 352.

Gentl^m

Boston May y^e 27th, 1686.

I am heartily glad for your fakes that I am, through the bleffing of God, safe arrived in Boston, where on the 25th instant Joseph Dudley Esq^r and the persons named in his Majesties Commission of Governm^t (some few indisposed excepted) entered upon y^e Governem^t wth y^e generall Consent and applause of the people. My time forbids me to be to particular wth you in that matter: I am now to address to the concernes of yo^r Colonie; against w^{ch} I have wth me two Quo Warrantoes as also against Road Island: his Ma^{tie} intends to bring all New England under one Governem^t and nothing is now remaineing on yo^r part but to think of an humble submission and a dutifull resignation of your Charter, w^{ch} if you are so hardie so [*sic*] offer to defend at law, whilst you are contending for a shadow you will in the first place loose all that part of your Colonie from Connecticut to N. Yorke and have it annexed to that gouern^t, a thing you are to certainly enformed of already: & nothing will prevent, but yo^r obuiating so generall a calamitie to all New England by an heartie and timely application to his Ma^{tie} with an humble submission, wth an annexed petition: to grant libertie of conscience, a confirmatiô & continuation to you of all y^e lands now under your Gouvernement and such other fauo^{rs} as yo^r wants can best dictate unto you: A Court by y^s Gouverm^t is ordered shortly to be kept in y^e Narragansit to assert the Authority graunted by His Ma^{ties} Comission & to

to prevent y^e Road Islanders further incurfions: I expect not that you trouble me to enter your Colonie as a herauld to denounce warre; my friendship for you enclines mee to perfwade an accomodaⁿ, and to that end defire you to fend me word whether you will fauor yo^r felues fo farr as to come to me in Bofton, where you will be witneffes of our peace & beleife of His Majefties Gouvernm^t not fuch a fcare crow as to afright men out of their eftates & liberties rather than to submit & be happie: Wee expect fome fhips will be in a moneth at fartheft readie to faile frô hence for England: and therefore whatever is intended muft be compleated on your part before that time: now if befids your felues and Some members of yo^r Counfell in and about Hartford yo^r Governo^r & Deputie Gouverno^r & Major Gold and fome of yo^r Southerne Gentleⁿ will vouchafe to come as far as M^r Smith's in Narroganfet, fend me & exprefse a time appoint^d, I question not but you will have Opportunity to conferre wth fome of y^e principle Gentlemⁿ of this Gouvernm^t. S^{rs} blefs not yourfelues wth vaine expectation of advantage & fpinninge out of time by my delay: I will engage tho' the weather be warme the writs will keep found and as good as when firft landed: my great care for your aduantage fwells my paper beyond y^e fize of a letter; fhould I wright but what were neceffary twoulde tyre you & my felfe to: I defire you to reach me out any oppertunity of ferving you: and to appoint you a speedie day: that I may communicate what is not fit now to wright: and I affure you that I am always at leifure to furve you becaus I am refolued to continue Gentlⁿ

Your humble Seruant,

ED. RANDOLPH.

I

I greatly wrong Mr Blathwaite if I forget to acquaint you y^t he is much your friend in y^s matter.

“Copie of Mr. Ed. Randolph’s letter. Rec^d 9 May 87 from Coll. Dongan.”

CUSTOME HOUSE FEES ALLOWED BY THE PRESIDENT AND
COUNCILL TO EDWARD RANDOLPH ESQ. COLLECTOR &C.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 5, 28 May 1686

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| Entryes inwards from Forreigne Plantations | £ . . . 2.6. |
| “ outwards to faid Places | £ . . . 2.6. |
| Cocquetts or Permits for enumerated Commodities | £ . . . 2.6. |
| Certificates to take up Bonds | £ . . . 3.0. |
| Coasting veffells that ffreight to other Colonyes or Provinces to make a Generall Entry of their Loading, for Cocquet and Clearing. } | 2.6 |
| By order of President and Councill | |

ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (337).

From the President & Council of Boston to the
Committee.

May it please Your Lordf^{ps}

In obedience to Your Lordf^{ps} commands Signified to us
by Your Lordf^{ps} letters of the 30th of October last

Wee humbly lay before Your Lordf^{ps} that purfuant to his
Maj^{ties} Commiffion for the Government of this his Maj^{ties}
Territory and Dominion to us directed

Wee

Wee met at Boston on the 25th of May and Joseph Dudley Esq^r Presid^t haveing first taken the Oathes in his Maj^{ties} Commission required did administer the Same Oathes unto fourteen of the Members of the Councill then present and entered upon the Exercise of the Governm^t. Our first and cheifest Care was to preserve his Maj^{ties} peace, by publishing a proclamation, impowring all Constables to continue in their places, till others be appointed to Succeed them: And wee also Commissionated fitting p^{ersons} to be Justices for keeping the peace in Countyes and principall townes belonging to this Government.

Our next care was to intrust the Militia in the hands of persons well affected to his Maj^{tie} the cheifest whereof being Members of the Councill. The Castle of Boston a place of great importance to this Country is now put under the Care and Command of Cap^t Wait Winthrop, a person of known loyalty.

Wee have now under Consideration the Support of the Governm^t, which we find loaden with debts, and no money to be found; and are Examining the account of the Treasury to the late Government.

Wee are also preparing strict methods, for the pursuance of the Acts of trade and navigation, in every Port of this Governm^t. And with all cheerfullness shall apply our Selves to the Severall Branches of Instructions, contained in Your Lordsh^{ps} Letters.

Wee may not omit, humbly to represent to Your Lordsh^{ps} that there being no direction for a supply of Members into the Councill, Except only in the Case of Death, Whereas by y^e Removall, constant Sickness, or other avoidance of any of

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the Members, his Maj^{ties} Councill may Sometimes faile of a Quorum or more full appearance needfull for his Maj^{ties} Service It is therefore humbly offerr'd that in Such cafes wherein there appears an impossibility, or refusall of Service, his Maj^{tie} would graciously graunt, that a supply of members may be appointed as in Cafe of Death.

Your Lordships Letters and recommendaõn of M^r Robert Ratcliff to the performance of his function here have been Communicated to us, and the Gentlemen and other Inhabitants in Boston who do attend the worship of God with him, shall want no Incouragement from us, nor will M^r Ratcliffe faile of a good support and maintainance by their means.

M^r Maſon one of the Members of his Maj^{ties} Councill here, is going home, to attend upon his Maj^{tie} in the affair of the Province of New Hampshire, and therefore we have recommended to him the p^rſenting of our humble addreſs unto his Maj^{tie} and theſe papers to your Lordsh^{ps} and by whoſe hand we may further have his Maj^{ties} and Your Lordsh^{ps} Commands tranſmitted to us.

Right Hon^{ble} your Lordsh^{pps}
moſt humble and moſt obedient Seru^{ts}

Boston :

June y^e 1 : 1686.

John Pynchon
Pet: Bulkeley
R^d Wharton
Jonathan Tyng.

Joſeph Dudley p^rſi^d
William Stoughton
Robert Maſon
J: Winthrop
EdRandolph Sec^{ry}
Jn^o Uſher
Edward Tyng.

[Endorſed]

[*Endorsed*] Boston. 1 June 1686. From the President & Councill to the Comittee. Rec^d & Read 23 July 1686. p M^r Mafon. Presented at Windfer 26 July 1686.

26 JULY 1686. ADDRESS FROM PRESID^t & COUNCILL OF N. ENGLAND. [IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLVE OF JUNE 1ST]

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (335).

To the Kings most Excellent Maj^{tie}
The Humble Addrefs of the President and Councill of
Your Maj^{ties} Territory and Dominion of New England in
America.

May it Pleafe Your Maj^{tie}

Wee account it an unspeakable Satisfaction That this our first Addrefs may take its beginning in the Sincere Representation of the true & unfeigned joy that we take and the humble thanks wee will alwayes render unto Almighty God, who hath Preserved Your Maj^{ties} Sacred Person and Governm^t from the horrid Rebellion raised within Your Kingdomes, and so speedily and wonderfully given a perfect defeate and issue thereto that the Rebels were utterly dissipated and the heads of them brought to deserved punishment, before the news of their execrable attempt could be brought thus farr.

And whereas it hath pleased Your most Sacred Maj^{tie} in Your Princely care and wisdome so graciously to provide for y^e Peace and future Settlement of this Your Maj^{ties} Territory and Dominion as to graunt us Your Royall Commission for Government now received, and therein more
espetially,

esppecially, to favour us with so large and needfull an Indulgence in matters of Religion which unto this people hath ever been and still is of most dear and tender regard Wee should be altogether wanting to our Selves and all Your Maj^{ties} good Subjects inhabiting within the Severall Provinces now united, if wee should not prostrate our Selves at Your Maj^{ties} feet in all humble thankfullness to Your Maj^{tie} for this so early regard and Care for us here. Your Maj^{ties} Commands therein tho' but a Very few dayes received, have been with all cheerfullness and Duty Perfued and Executed both by the Members of Your Maj^{ties} Councill, and by a generall appearance and acclamacon of Your Maj^{ties} dutyfull and Loyall Subjects Summon'd together for that end. Your Maj^{ties} Councill being Affembled in obedience to Your Royall Commission Do humbly Pray that wee may yet receive from Your Maj^{tie} Such further Commands as may be necessary for Your Royall Service, and the more intire dependance of Your Maj^{ties} Territory and Dominion upon Your Maj^{ties} Sacred Person, and the Crown of England for future times for ever, And According to the directions and Comānds given us, wee are humbly preparing to lay before Your Maj^{tie} our opinion of what further methods and Rules may be judged necessary for the good Governm^t, happy increase, and growth of Your Maj^{ties} Plantations here And that the happy Repose and Quiet of all Your Maj^{ties} Dominions may long and Ever be continued to Your Maj^{tie} and the Crown of England to the worlds end, and that the influence thereof may never be wanting to your Maj^{ties} Dominions in these Parts is the Prayer of

Your Maj^{ties} most Dutifull and Loyall
Subjects

Subjects The Prefid^t & Councill of
Yo^r Maj^{ties} Territory and Dominion
of New England

JOSEPH DUDLEY p^rfid^t

Robert Mafon

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| Wait Winthrop | John Pynchon | William Stoughton |
| R ^d Wharton | Peter Bulkeley | |
| EdRandolph Sec ^{ry} . | Jn ^o Usher | J: Winthrop. |
| John Hinks | Edward Tyng | |
| | Barth ^l Gedney. | Jonathan Tyng |

[*Endorsed*]

N : England. 1686.

Addres of the President & Councill to the King.

Presented at Windfor p M^r Mafon : 26 July. 1686.

FROM Y^E PRESID^T @ COUNCIL OF NEW ENGL^D TO Y^E
COMITTEE.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (339).

Boston in New Eng^d
June y^e 19th 1686.

Right Hon^{ble}

Wee hope our first letters to y^r Lordf^{ps} are before now
humbly presented to your Lordf^{ps} by M^r Mafon One of the
Members of his Ma^{ties} Councill here, by whom y^e difficultyes
arising in his Ma^{ties} Service will so farr be represented, and
perticularly Wee cannot avoid to lay before your Lordf^{pps} the
inconvenience hapning by y^e indispositions & refusall of
Severall persons nominated in his Ma^{ties} most Gracious
Commiffion: & the great distance of others from his Ma^{ties}
town of Boston the vsuall place of meeting.

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ffor avoiding therefore any obftruction in profecuting his
Ma^{ties} feuerall commands in that Commiffion to vs directed

Its humbly propofed as very neceffary for his Ma^{ties} Ser-
uice, and wee do accordingly nominate eight perfons, whose
names are herevnto annexed to Supply thofe vacancyes, Sub-
mitting in all duty & obedience their choice & appointment
to his Ma^{tie}, and waite his Ma^{ties} Gracious anfweare So Soon
as it Shall please your Lordf^{ps} to report the Same vnto his
Ma^{tie} all which is moft humbly Submitted to your Lordf^{ps}

by:

Right Hon^{ble}

M^r Bradftreet
Major Saltenftall
Dudley Bradftreet

} do not
accept y^e
Commiffion.

Your Lordf^{ps} moft humble
& moft obedient
Seru^{ts} Jofeph Dudley p^rfi^t
William Stoughton

M^r Champernoon weak & vnable }
to act in that Commiffion }
Names of perfons to Supply their }
vacancyes }

J : Winthrop

EdRandolph Sec^{ry}

Samuell Shrimpton : Will^m Brown ju.
James Ruffell Sam. Sewall
Symon Linds tho : Graues
Nicholas paige Ric^d Smith.

Wait Winthrop
R^d Wharton
Jn^o Usher
Edward Tyng.

[*Addressed*] To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords Commiffio^{rs}
of forreign Trade and Plantations humbly p^rsent.

[*Endorsed*] Bofton : 19 June 86. From the Prefident & Councill to y^e
Comittee.
Rec^d 6 Aug. 86.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO GOVERNOR HINCKLEY OF PLYMOUTH
RELATIVE TO TAXES FOR THE SUPPORT OF MINISTERS.

Rhode Island Colonial Records, Vol. III. p. 199.

Rhode Island, June 22d. 1686.

Sir: I am come hither in my way to Narragansett, and am here entertained with an unpleasing story, (if true), that is, about three weeks since some persons of this place were at Scituate, where a Constable came and demanded three pounds of Edward Wanlaye, for to pay the Minister, and have treated others in the same manner. Truly, I am very sorry, since his Majesty has been graciously pleased to grant liberty of Conscience in our government, that it should be restrained in your Colony, without any particular directions from Whitehall.

Sir, let us bring the matter to the square, and perhaps it will be as reasonable to move that your Colony should be rated to pay our Minister of the Church of England who now preaches in Boston, and you hear him not, as to make the Quakers pay in your Colony, when what is a rule for us, is a very good direction to others; and may be applied securely if not practised to the [rest] of his Majesty's subjects, who are all entitled to that blessing and favor; which I leave to your very serious consideration, and am your assured friend,

ED. RANDOLPH

To Francis Hinckley, Esq^r
Governor of New Plymouth Collony.

MR.

MR. RANDOLPH TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, 1686.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinſon, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 291.

[July 7th according to Mr. Palfrey.]

May it pleaſe your Grace,

I have forborne riteing to your grace till I had been ſome time upon the place, to ſee how the poore people here would demean themſelves under this new government. At my firſt arrivall I met with outward expreſſions of joy and ſatiſfaction, and many ſeemed well pleaſed at the change, having been ſtruck with a panick feare upon the apprehention of Colonel Kurcks [Kirke] coming hither to be their governor; but finding a commiſſion directed to a gentleman borne among themſelves, the then governor and companie, growing hardie by their miniſters, began to perſwade Mr. Dudlie not to except of his Majesties Commiſſion to be preſident, hoping thereby to continue the government among themſelves: But that failing them, they adjourned the meeting of their generall aſſembly to the ſecond of October next, and ſo broke up with hopes that either ſome unhappie accident in affairs of ſtate at home, or by diſſenſion raiſed by their artifices among the members in this new government, they might prevaile ſo far as to diſſolve this new conſtitution and then reſſume the government, which to accompliſh they are ſollicitouſe. I take leave humbly to remind, that when your grace was preſent at a committee of the Lords and was therein pleaſed to move, that one of their meeting houſes in Boſton ſhould be ordered to be ſet apart for the exerciſe of the religion
according

according to the church of England, it was then answered by some of those noble Lords who discoursed in their favour, provided they might have libertie of conscience in matters of religion, they would voluntarilie submit to have one of their three meeting houses to be disposed of by the president and councell, for that use. Since my arrivall with Mr. Ratcliffe, a sober man, recommended by my Lord of London to be our minister; who besides his Lordships faire testimonials, brought with him a letter from the right honourable the Lords of the committee for trade and foraine plantations to the president and councell for their countenance and encouragement in the discharge of his office; yet twas a long time before they tooke the least notice of him or his business; at last, though strongly opposed, I got a little roome in the towne house, for such as were for the church of England to assemble in, but found it so strait that we are forced now to make use of the exchange for that purpose; where to humor the people our minister preaches twice a day and baptises all that come to him, some infants, some adult persons; we are now come to have prayers every Wednesday and Friday mornings on their exchange, and resolve not to be baffled by the great affronts; some calling our minister Baals priest, and some of their ministers, from the pulpit, calling our prayers leeks, garlick and trash. We have often moved for an honourable maintenance for our minister; but they tell us those that hire him must maintaine him, as they maintaine their own ministers, by contribution. Of a president and eighteen members of the councell, there is onely myselfe, since Mr. Mason's departure for England, that is of the church of England, and twas never intended that that

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charge should be supported by myfelfe and some few others of oure communion.

I humbly represent to your grace, that the three meeting houfes in Boston might pay twentey fhillings a weeke, a piece, out of their contribution, towards the defraieing our church charges ; that fume being lefs per annum than each of their minifters receive. We have yet neceffitie for another minifter to come over to us ; for if any illnefs or indifpofition happen to the prefent incumbent, we have no man heere to performe the office. I am not to forget to your grace the banke of monie in the hands of the corporation for evangelizing the Indians. Your grace was very defireous that the monie might be inquired after, and applied to build us a church and a free fchooll, that our youth might be no longer poyfoned with the feditious principles of this country: I am told that there is not less than two thousand pounds here, but adventure not to ftir the leaft in it, having all redie brought upon my felfe fo many enemife, and to all my crimes added this one as the greateft in bringing the letherdge [liturgy] and ceremonife of the church of England to be obferved amongst us, and this day is a commencement at our collidge, which your grace was pleafed to honoure with a prefent of the learned Hamonds works, that rich man : They are all at prefent more taken up in puting in one Morton of Neventongreen, a rank independent, to be theire precident, than to fhew any refpect which is due to youre graceous prefent, and I cannot expect it fhould be otherwife till his Majefty fhall be pleafed to fend us a generall governor from England.

Thus much relating to thefe affaires of oure church, that
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of our state little differs; most part of our chiefe officers, as justices of the peace &c. are congregationall men, and not above three church of England men; and not above three church of England officers in the militia; so that in the maine I can only assure your grace that the persons onely and not the government is changed.

Now from all this, after so many hazards and difficulties which I have gon throw in the prosecution of his Majesties service in New England, I am, by their maliciouse practises, made very uneasie; and such persons who reape particular advantages by the change of government hate me for accomplishing it, and are makeing parties and factions to misrepresent me to his Majestie. Amongst those many noble Lords of his Majesties most honourable previe Councell, who have all along countenanced and furthered my hartie designs to serve his Majestie, Sir, there eminently appeared for me. I humbly pray, upon all occasions, the continuance of your graceouse favour, by which I shall be better inabled to attend his Majesties affairs heer committed to my care, and I shall remain in all dutie your graces.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO SIR ROBERT SOUTHWELL.

Collection of the late Sir Thomas Phillipps, Bart.

S^r

Boston July 10th 86

I heartily thanke you for y^e extraordinary favour of yours by Capt Jones of Bristoll of the 3 of Aprill last & for your good wishes to me & mine. Capt. Jones shall have all the favour & kindnes this country & the lawes of England will allow. S^r I find you had newes of the severity wee underwent

went in a very dangerous & more tedious voyage & who would otherwise expect, but coming with such an olive branch in my mouth, but I should meet with from all parties & places a gratefull reception. I confesse at my first landing all people told me they were glad to see me: & I knowing then no reason to the contrary beleived them: but when the Gom^t was in the hands of the Pref^t & Councill: I found twas still but y^e Gov^r & Company: with this alteration onely: they goodmen were most of them old & infirm & had lands enough: But our Prefid^t in the first place turnes out an understanding man Clerk of the County Court in Boston worth above 100^{li} a yeare to make way for his son a stripling of 16 yeares old and to make it worth his while has added 3 fourth parts of the perquisites of my office of Sec^{ry} & Register & to humble me has countenanced Capt George Command^r of the frigott & lett him into all the profitts of my office of Surveyor & allowes him to make seizure or to prosecute as an informer during his shipp lying at an anchor within 2 cables length of Boston. I agree if he were in his station cruising off at sea he should have all the respect due to a Cap^t of a kings ship & all the encouragem^t that he could expect: But to lye in harbour & hector so that our Councill are afraid to speak to him or refuse what he proposes is of very ill consequence & all turnes to my unhappy account: Not long since I sent one of my deputies of the Customs in the Cap^{ts} long boat to see what ship was plying off out of Command: I did but desire to speak to my deputy at his return to give me an account of the vessell. & called him to me but the coxon of ye man of warr rudely denied it in the open street upon which I called him sawcy fellow & that
deservd

deservd to be laid by y^e heels. The Capt. came in a great fury to my house & abused me beyond expreffion with a design to engage him to drawe upon me This is encouraged by the faction who care not if wee were both hangd & makes me very uneafye. They have not fpared my wife but Mr Unton Dering a reformade aboard our fhip who knew that my wife thro her husbands improvidence was brought from a very good eftate to undertake to nurfe one of my Lady Nottingham's children where she lived with reputation & gaind 100th towards fatisfying her husbands debts: but they report here that fhe was never married but was a Mifs: & you need not question but upon Cap^t Georges countenancing fuch reports it gaines credit but is a great trouble to my wife. All this makes me think the tyme long till S^r Edmund comes over to us: for our Prefid^t is fo much a Gent that he gives the preference to Cap^t George but makes the Govern^t very cheap.

The frigott lyes ftill & I have loft above 500^{lb} by not having liberty to profecute according to my office. I am heartily glad to heare y^e young ladyes are all well & that Mr Southwell is entring the happy ftate of a univerfity life for a little tyme. My contract for masts goes on very well & I question not but to give his Mat good fatisfaction in that undertaking. I expect to be affailed at Court with all the Calumnies envy & ingratitude can mufter up I defire onely to be heard upon the place by his Ma^{tie} Gov^r who will treat me impartially: thefe have no other quarrell but my indefatigable defires to ferve his Mat^{ie} which I fhall alwayes do & remain S^r your moft obliged & moft

humble ferv^t

ED. RANDOLPH.

To S^r Rob^t Southwell

LETTER

LETTER FROM NEW ENGLAND CONCERNING ACTS OF TRADE,
M^R RATCLIFFE; &C.

State Papers, Colonial Entry Book, 109, p. 1.

At the Committee for Trade and Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at White Hall
Friday the 23^d of July 1686.

Present: Lord Chancellor, Duke of Albemarle, Earl of Craven, Earl of Middleton.

New England.
A Letter from ye
President and
Council of the
first of June.

Gives an
Account of the
Settlement of the
Government.

The Minister
recommended by
their L^{ps} should
not fail of a
good support.

Their Address
to be presented
by M^r Mason.

His Ma^{ty}

Mr Mason
to attend at
Windsor.

A Letter from the Prefident and Council of New England to the Committee, dated the first of June last, is read, giving their Lo^{ps} an account That, pursuant to His Ma^{ty}'s Commiffion, they had met at Boston the 25th of May last, and having taken the Oaths required thereby, they had appointed Justices and other Officers for keeping the Peace in the Countys and Principal Towns within their Government and had fetled the Militia; That they had vnder confideration the fupport of the Government, and were preparing strict methods for pursuing the Acts of Trade and Navigation; That pursuant to their Lo^{ps} letter of Recommendation of M^r Robert Ratliff for the performance of his Function as Minister, hee should want noe encouragement nor fail of a good fupport and maintenance there.

That they had recommended to M^r Mafon one of the Council, the Presenting their Address to

Whereupon M^r Mafon attending is called in and ordered to Attend His Ma^{ty} at Windsor next Sunday

Sunday with the Addrefs of the Prefident and Council of New England. And their Lo^{ps} think fit that notice bee taken thereof in the Gazet; which was done accordingly.

Mem^d On Sunday the 25th of July 1686 M^r Mafon accordingly prefented the Addrefs of the Prefident and Council of New England to His Ma^{ty}; expreffing their Joy for the Prefervation of His Ma^{ty} from the late Rebellion; and acknowledging His Ma^{ty}'s Favor in y^e providing for y^e peace @ Settlem^t of that His Ma^{ty}'s Territory @ Dominion, And in the Indulgence granted them in matters of Religion.

ORDER AB^T THE COLLEDGE IN CAMBRIDGE IN NEW
ENGLAND.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (358).

At a Meeteing of the Hon^{ble} Pref^{lt} & Councill
At Cambridge July 23th Ann^o Domⁱ 1686.

Present: Ioseph Dudley, Esq^r, Prefid^t; Will^m Stoughton, Esq^r, D: prefid^t; John Pincheon, Peter Bulkely, Waite Winthrop, Barth^o Gidney, John Vsher, Esq^rs.

It was Vnanimoufly agreed Vpon & declared —

1: That the Reverend M^r Increase Mather be defired to Except of the Rectorship of the Collidge, & make his Vfuall Vifitati.

2: That M^r John Leverett & M^r W^m Brattle be the tutors and Enter Vpon y^e Gouernment of the Collidge & mannage y^e publique readeing in the hall.

3: That Charles Towne fferry & M^r Penoyers Legacy,
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i: e: One Moyety of it as it falleth be Settled Vpon y^e faid tutors as theire Sallery.

4: That theire Pewpills Each of them pay to their respective Tutors tenn Shifts p Quarter for theire tuition.

5: That Andrew Boademan the present Cooke of the Colledge doe henceforth manage the office of Steward in the mañer as of late.

Octo^r 1st 1686.

Ordered that S^r Gibbes, Rogers: Mitchell, & Dudley, Shall be Scholars of the house for y^e Yeare Infueing, & that they be allowed at y^e least fíue pounds a peece.

Compared with the Originall: — ED RANDOLPH.

[*Endorsed*] N. England. 23: July 86. Order about the Colledge in Cambridg in New Eng^d

Rec^d 25 May 168[8] from M^r Randolph.

JOHN PALMER TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 36.

Pemaquid July 24. 1686

S^r Since my departure from Boston have discovered that Capt. Phillip Severett Command^t of the Ship Johanna of Piscattaway hath lately failed from Malliga to Penobscott River within this part of his Ma^{ties} Collony of New Yorke & there unloading his cargoe being about 70 Pipes of Malaga Wines 2 Pipes of Oyle 1 of Brandy about 16 or 17 Barrells of ffruits which was left on a bank by the River fide covered part with a fayle and part with Bowes & two men

men left to looke after itt, & that y^e empty ship was gone for Piscattaway & have sent y^e floope with orders to seize the same, which they did notwithstanding y^e opposition made by Castine and have brought 41 Pipes thereof to this Place and am now sending againe for y^e Rest a particular acct of all proceedings have wrott to y^e Presd^t to which refer you & hope you will give all assistance to seize & secure y^e said ship that she may be proceeded ag^t as desired.

I am S^r

yo^r humble Serv^t

J. PALMER.

MR. EDWARD RANDOLPH TO MR. BLAITHWAIT.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinson, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 288.

Boston, July 28th, 1686.

Sir,

Inclosed is a letter sent some time since from the government of Road Island, they call it a surrender of their charter. I have since the receipt of it called on them in my way to Hartford in Connecticut, the governor tells me they will pass a surrender in fuller termes under the seale of their colony, but are willing to have this sent. I was with the governor of Connecticut and delivered to him the quo warranto. I suppose they intend not to stand it out, our council have sent Major Pincheon and Capt. Winthrop to Hartford to perswade them to accommodate the matter, so as they may be added to the government here; how farr that will prevaile I know not; they are sensible of Mr. Dudleyes encroachment on all and every side, and are unwilling

to trust him, and are strongly invited to come under New Yorke, but it is more for the publick advantage to have that colony continued to us. Since my goeing to Hartford, the president has so contrived the matter that Capt. George has received above two hundred pounds mony which legally belongs to me who, as collector and informer, ought to be admitted to prosecute a ship laden with Scotch goods, but its all as Capt. George pleases, the president and he carry all as they please, to the great dissatisfaction of the members of the councill, that now instead of meeting to do publick business, tis only to quarrell and that in such heats that I feare it will occasion the defolving this government. I am forced to moderate others passions (tho' I have most cause to complaine) and quietly to suffer my proffitts to be shared out amongst others till Sir Edmund Andros come over; he is longed for by all sober men who find themselves abused by the false president. Mr. Wharton is comeing over our agent, I have offered Mr. Mason at least to be joined with him, but I think I cannot gett it to pass.

There will be I fear an eruption betwixt the French of Nova Scotia and our people in Mayne and New Hampshire, occasioned by Capt. Palmer and Mr. West of New Yorke, who being at the fort of Pemmequid and haveing advice of a ship of Piscattaqua which landed wine at Ponopscutt belonging, as they say, to Nova Scotia, they by force went ashore and took of the wine: I referr you to the inclosed, a copie of Mr. Palmers letter: The governor of New-Yorke I am told has given them directions to claim all the land as farr eastward as the river St. Croix. We have sent to all places to warne our people and to the fishermen, not venter upon
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their coasts, least they be surpris'd, and made to answer for damages done by strangers. Just now I have received a letter from my good friend Mr. Chaplin, who acquaints me of your happy recovery from a dangerous sickness, for which I returne hearty thancks to allmighty God. Mr. Stoughton is inclined to the nonconformist ministers, yet stands right to his Majestyes interest. Mr. Usher is made a great criminall for informing against Moody and Allin, who are stirring up the people to rebellion, he is a just honest man, and will not see his Majestyes interest suffer. But we are over voted and cannot help ourselves till Sir Edmund come to regulate the matter. Sir, I am under great difficultyes, and were it not for my ingagement in the busines of the masts, I would once more make a journey over, for I am treated by Mr. Dudley worfe than by Mr. Danforth, yet all under the pretence of friendship, and is angry that I do not believe him. Honest Major Buckley is quite tyred out and can hardly be perswaded to come to Boston. This is our present distracted condition. Wee have only patience and our friends assistance to depend upon in England for redress.

I remaine, Sir, &c.

Sir, I am informed that the land whereon the wine was landed have been allwayes deemed to belong to the French and was the very place formerly belonging to Sir Thomas Temple, and was delivered up to the French upon the articles of Breda by Capt. Wibourne, by his Majesty's speciall command, in exchange for the English plantation on St. Christophers and that done about the yeare 1667.

Sir, Some of the members of the Councill are of opinion
that

that since the constitution of this government is by a president and council, who united are all but governor, that therefore they ought to have a proportionable share of the profit as well as the charge and burthen, having not one penny coming to them as members of the council more than to any justice of the peace; some stay here five or six weeks together and neglect their own business, and have nothing to defray their ordinary charges, besides loss of time, which they have desired me to represent and pray your opinion thereupon, as also whether the president is *virtute officij* the ordinary to grant administrations and to allow the probate of wills, he producing no authority from his Majesties lords of the council, or from my Lord of London.

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 LRE FROM M^R. RANDOLPH. [TO THE COMMITTEE]

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (82).

Boston in New England
 July 28 : 1686.

May it please y^r Lordsh^{ps}

Pursuant to his Ma^{ties} Order in Council of y^e 15th of July 1685 directing M^r Attorney Gen^l to cause writts of Quo Warranto to be brought ag^t the Charters of y^e Colonies of Road Island & Connecticut in New Eng^d. I have accordingly served those writts tho' by a tedious passage of almost 6 months from London to this place. the tyme of their return was lap^d: howeuer the Gou^r of Connecticut vpon my deliuering the writt to him at Hartford on y^e 21 instant has appointed a meeting of the Gen^l Court of that Colony to be called together to Surrender their Charter to his Ma^{tie}
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if not perfwaded by the factious party here (who are vnwill-
ing to depend vpon his Ma^{ties} favour) to Stand a tryall :
onely to gain tyme & delay his Ma^{ties} Sending ouer a Gen^l
Gou^r vpon my giuing the Gou^r of Road Island the Summons
of the writt, he affembled the ffreemen & they haue drawn
a petition & Addrefse to bee forthwith humbly prefented to
his Ma^{tie}

I intended long before this tyme humbly to lay before
your Lord^{shps} a more early account of the prefent ftate of this
Gom^t but haue forbore, to fee what effects his Ma^{ties} gracious
Commiffion of a New Conftitution of Gom^t containing
liberty of Confcience would haue vpon y^e people of this
Colony : which at my firft arriuall was receiued with all out-
ward fhew of Satisfaction : and a Complement of Gratitude
was returned his Ma^{tie} for that favour ; But fince the pro-
ceedings of the prefident & Councill, what euer they write
or pretend in their letters to your Lord^{shps} are managed to
y^e Incouragement of the Independent faction ; & vtter dif-
countenancing both the Minifter & thofe Gen^l & others,
who dare openly profefse themfelues to be of the Church of
England, not hauing any allowance for Our Minifter more
then wee Raife by contribution amongft our felues ; the
form of this Gom^t onely is Changed, for Our Independent
Minifters flourish and expect to be advifed with in publick
affaires : I need no other arguments to confirm the truth
hereof to your Lord^{shps} Then to Say That but two of the Pref-
ent Members of y^e Councill viz : M^r Mafon & my felfe are
of the Church of England ; That of aboute 60 Officers in the
Militia of this whole Gom^t there are not aboute 2 captaines
& 2 or 3 inferior officers but are either Church Members or
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Such as constantly frequent those meetings: which makes Nonconformists from all places resort heither: about 2 months ago One Mr Mourton an Excommunicated Minister came heither from Newington Green: he was welcomed by our President & designed to be made head of Our Colledge: But not daring to proceed at first by such large steps; he is called to be minister at Charles town a very good living, & is ready at hand to be the President of the Colledge.

Two brothers of the name of Bayleyes great & daring Non Conformists ministers at lymbrick in Ireland haue been here these 2 yeares and well provided for: in the tyme of Munmouths Rebellion most part of the Ministers animated the people Saying the tyme of their deliuerance was at hand & not one of them prayed for his Ma^{ty} & would not giue Creditt to his Ma^{tis} gracious letter Signffing the Ouerthrow of the Rebels: I humbly propose as greatly for y^e quiett & welfare of this plantation of N. Eng^d that no minister from England be admitted to land without the licence of the Gen^l Gou^r & That he haue power to licence or restrain from preaching publickly such as are already vpon y^e place ffrom all which it will appeare very needfull that his Ma^{tie} would be graciously pleased to send us ouer a Gen^l Gou^r to vnite & Settle this distracted Country & also to make good what is newly begun in this Colony the delayes whereof may be of euill Consequence and giue way to the factious poeple here to reassume the Govern^t which they openly declare they haue not parted with all but expect an opportunity to be restored.

And as to the discharg of the trust reposed in me: I humbly represent to your Lordi^{ps} That vnder Colour of his Ma^{ties} Authority

Authority the president takes great liberty to impose vpon me in my Station & would not assst me to make a Seizure of a vessell in the Harbour which my Officers were not permitted to board: I am by all accounted the Sole Enemy of the Country hauing been for 11 yeares attending his Ma^{tes} Commands in this affaire & by seruing the writts vpon y^e other Colonyes my life will be made very vneasy vnlesse his Ma^{tie} fhall be pleased graciously to recommend me to the Care & protection of his Gen^l Gou^r for whose speedy arrivall all Good men heartily pray.

All which is humbly Submitted

by your Lord^{sh}ps

most humble Ser^t

EDRANDOLPH

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the
Committee for trade & foraign Plantations.

[*Endorsed*] Letter from M^r Randolph,

July 28th

Read at the Com^{tee}

Oct. 13 : 1686.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO D^R W^M SANCROFT ARCHBISHOP
OF CANTERBURY.

New England Historical Genealogical Register, Vol. XXXVII. p. 270.

Boston in New England Aug^t 2 : 1686.

May it please your Grace.

Its long since I received your Grace's Bleffing and also your Grace's noble gift of D^r Hammonds work bestowed on our Colledge: I intended long since to give y^r Grace an
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account of my proceedings therein; but I have forbore that I might have opportunity to make y^r Grace some remarks upon this new Constitution of Gov^t. At my first Landing which was not till the 14th of May last, I was received by the honest party, very kindly, who upon y^e frigotts tedious passage did all feare that I was cast away with his Maj^{ties} Commissioners. The factious party were of opinion, that (according to their prayers) God would never suffer me to land againe in this Country and thereupon began in a most arbitrary manner to assert their power higher then at any tyme before, and having made it a capitall offence to say their charter was vacated were prosecuting a Merch^t in Boston worth 10,000£ to death or Banishment in saying only, that he hoped the frigott would arrive, and that very morning I landed he was to be brought upon his Tryall; but that was adjourn'd sine die. 'Twas with great difficulty that wee obtain'd y^e Govm^t on y^e 25th following & then 3 of y^e persons nominated to be of y^e Councill refused to accept & be sworn; upon their fond opinion that their Govm^t is in being and that alth^o his Maj^{tie} has obtained a judgm^t ag^t their charter, yet they have not consented and therefore hope some providence like that of Munmouth's Rebellion may fall out w^{ch} will restore them to their former priviledges & enjoyment of their precious things (which God avert) however, that they may have some footing the Late Gov^r & Company before they broke up adjourned themselves to y^e second Wednesday in Oc^t next & this is one great reason which still supports the faction. I know y^r Grace may question why this new Govm^t would suffer an adjournm^t to stand upon Record but when y^r Grace has the account of the persons

fons now in Govn^t that matter will be easily answered. As to Mr Dudley our President he is a N: Conformist minister & for severall yeares preach'd in New Eng^d till he became a Magistrate & So continued for many yeares, but finding his interest to faile amongst that party, sett up for a King's man, and when in London, he made his application to my Lord of London and was well liked of by some about his late Maj^{ties} person, whereupon he was appointed for this turn to be president, who at my arrivall with all outward exprefions of duty & loyalty received his Maj^{ties} Commiffion. Sweetned with liberty of confcience, and now we believed wee had gain'd the point fupposing the President our own for y^e C of Eng^d. At the opening his Majesties Commiffion I desired Mr Ratcliffe our minister to attend the ceremony & fay Grace, but was refused. I am not to forgett that in the late rebellion of Munmouth not one Minister op'ned his lipps to pray for the King hoping that the tyme of their deliverance from monarchy & popery was at hand. Some tyme after the settlem^t of the Gov^t I moved for a place for the C: of England men to affemble in; after many delayes, at laft wee gott a small Room in y^e town houle, but our Company increafing beyond the expectation of the Govn^t wee now ufe y^e Exchange, and have y^e comon prayer and two fermons every Sunday & at 7 o'clock in y^e morning on Wednesdays & frydays the whole fervice of y^e church, and fome Sundays 7 or 8 persons are in one day Baptized, and more would dayly be of our Communion had wee but the company & countenance of the President & Councill, but inftead thereof wee are neglected & can obtain no maintenance from them to fupport our Minister. Butt had

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wee a Gen^l Gov^r wee should soon have a larg congregation and also one of the churches in Boston, as your Grace was pleased to propose when these matters were debated at y^e Councill Table. I humbly remind your Grace of the money granted formerly for Evangelizing the Indians in our neighbourhood. Its a great pitty that there should be a Considerable stock in this Country (but how imployed I know not) & wee want 7 or 800^l to build us a church. Their ministry exclaim ag^t y^e Common Prayer, calling it, mans Invention & there is more hopes that whoremongers & adulterers will go to heaven than those of ye C of Eng^d; by these wicked doctrines they poison the people and their ministers Carry it as high as ever. In regard the president & all the Councill save Mr Mafon & mysele are C members or hangers on: and could they gett me out of the Councill their work was done; but now they can passe no orders without my knowledge. They give all encouragement to phannatticks of all Sects & receive them from all places. About 2 months ago here arrived one M^r Mourton from Newington Green, he was under excommunication, yet treated by the presid^t & some of y^e Councill with great respect: and was designed to be head of our colledge but that was too large a step, they therefore call him to a very good living at Charlestown neer Cambridge, where he is ready for y^e Colledge preferment. The President has often told me that they intended to receive y^r Graces Gift of Dr Hammonds works with great solemnity, but both in that & in things of a higher nature relating to his Maj^{ties} Service I find him very treacherous, and now my 11 yeares experience of these people confirmes to me; that there must be something more then wax & parchment

parchment to reduce them to their perfect duty & obedience, for alth^o the old Gov^t is dead in Law yett 'tis revived in y^e prefid^t & Councill, and how can it be otherwise expected when as every C member in full Co^munion is obliged by Oath to observe the orders of his church & parson & liable to Open Censure upon neglect. So that I looke upon what our Prefid^t now does in accepting the Commiffion is a thing dispenc'd with to serve y^e turn, for the tyme he has been in, makes it his business to oblige that party & so strongly drives on his private interest that the members of the Councill are unwilling to meet; So that I feare the Govn^t will be lost unleffe his Maj^{tie} will be pleased to send us a Gen^l Gov^r with all convenient speed; otherwise both myfelfe & those of y^e Church of Eng^d must leave the place. Your Grace can hardly imagine the small artifices they have used to prevent our meetings on Sundays, and at all other tymes to serve God: they have libelled my wife & our minister, and this is done (as credibly beleived) by y^e minister of the fregott yett its Countenanced by the faction: who have endeavoured to make breach in my family betwixt me & my wife, and have accomplished another designe in setting up & supporting Cap^t Georg, Commander of the Rose fregott against me; this is their masterpeece for he being a stranger beleives what they say, when at the same tyme they would rejoyce to see us or any others intrusted by his Majesty hang'd at our doors. Now as to myfelfe, your Grace may please to remember what complaints I have justly made of their ill treatment, w^{ch} I received at Boston for attending his Maj^{ties} service. Who would have questioned, but that my bringing over an Olive Branch to wit, liberty of conscience, that I should

should bee received wth all respect, but the very thought of chang in their Govn^t makes them much more my enemys then before, so that from y^e severall grounds of their irreconfilable quarrell, I am attack'd from every part: the Minifters quarrell for my bringing in y^e Co^mon prayer, the old magistrates and freemen for vacating their Charter: the mobile are troubled that the Lawes of Eng^d are in force; & the Merch^{ts} for putting the a^cts of trade in full execution: by which they have lost severall ships & large quantityes of Goods; the proprietors of Main are troubled that province is taken from them & is now (being well stored with Mafts & other navall Stores) become his Majestys; the Tavern Keepers & victualling houses Curse me for advancing their excise whereas y^e presid^t has farmed it out & his son has one third of y^e profitt: the other Colonys have a great charge ag^t me for serving Quo warranto ag^t their Charters, and all are highly incensed to see me their enemy his Majesties Secretary of the Councill here: but without his Maj^{ties} Extraordinary favour & protection I am like to expect Sampsons fate, for such is their implacable malice that Oliver the late Tyrant was not more ingrateful to the Royalists then I am to the most of the people & now nothing can settle this distracted country & checq the Insolencyes of this people but a sober & unbyassed Gentⁿ from England to be our Gov^r; who must hold the raines of Gov^t in his hands & restrain the liberty of Conscience which they now grossly abuse. Its necessary y^e Gov^r licence all their ministers & that none be called to be a pastor of a congregation without his approbation; by this method alone the whole country will easily be regulated and then they will build us a church and be willing

ing to allow our Ministry an honorable maintenance. Wee have a sober prudent Gentⁿ to be our minister & well approved; but in case of Sicknes or other casualties if he have not one sent from Eng^d to helpe him our church is lost, 'tis therefore necessary that another sober man come over to assist; for some tymes 'tis requisite that one of them visits the other colonies to baptize & administer the sacrament, and in regard wee cannot make 40£ a yeare sterl^s by contributions for support of him & his assistant, 'twould be very gratefull to our church affaires if his Maj^{ty} would please to grant us his Royall letters — that the 3 meeting houses in Boston, which severally collect 7 or 8£ on a Sunday, do pay to our church warden 20^s a weeke⁷ for each meeting house which will be some encouragement to our Ministers, and these they can but raise against y^e service of y^e church, they have greate stocks & were they directed to contribute to build us a church or part from one of their meeting houses such as wee should approve, they would purchase that exemption at a great rate, and they could but call us papists, and our Ministers but Baal's Priests: as to Dr Hammonds works, they are with me, but ready to be placed in the library as soon as the colledge is duly regulated that matter also must attend the sanction of a Gen^l Gov^r in which I question not but your Grace will please to continue your Assistance, in regard the beginning was promoted by your Grace's favour.

I humbly beg in all Duty your Graces Blessing and remain your Graces most obedient and most Humble servant

E^p RANDOLPH.

by

⁷ 20 £ in the printed copy, which is evidently a mistake.

by my matter and y^e length of my discourse your Grace will easily find I write from New England of which place Our minister and my selfe are sufficiently tyred. I could say more &c &c.

CASE OF JOHN GOULD, CHARGED WITH TREASON.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Third Series, Vol. VII. p. 151.

Boston, Sc.

To the Keeper of his Majesty's Jail in Boston.

The President of his Majesty's Territory and Dominion of New England, with the Deputy President and others of his Majesty's Council, in Council assembled, the 5th day of August, 1686, having received information upon the oaths of Isaac Cummings, John Wild and John How, of several treasonable and seditious words spoken by John Gould of Topfield, against our Sovereign Lord the King &c. These are, therefore, in his Majesty's name, to require you to take into your Custody the body of the said John Gould, and him safely keep, until he shall be delivered by due course of Law, and for so doing this shall be your warrant, given at the Council House in Boston, the said 5th day of August, Anno Dom. 1686, Anno que R. R. Jacobi Dei Gratia Angliae &c. — secundi.

Vera Copia

ED. RANDOLPH, *Sec.*

By the President and Council of his Majesty's Territory and Dominion of New England.

Upon reading the petition of John Gould, now prisoner in the Jail of Boston, desiring liberty of the Prison yard
to

to walk in, by reason of his indisposition of body. It is Ordered,

That the Prison keeper do permit the said John Gould, to have the benefit of the Prison yard, to walk in during his sickness, (the Keeper taking care the said Gould make not an escape), till further order.

ED. RANDOLPH, *Sec'ry.*

Council House, Boston, }
August 12. 1686 }

Ordered that upon the petitioner's payment of the sum of twenty pounds to the Treasurer, and Prison fees and fees of Prosecution, that he be discharged his imprisonment upon giving bond for his good behaviour.

ED. RANDOLPH. *Secretary.*

Aug. 15. 1686.

By the President and Council of his Majesty's Territory and Dominion of New England.

Upon reading the petition of John Gould, and considering the poverty of his family, it is ordered,

That upon the payment of Fifty Pounds in money, and charges of Prosecution, the remainder of his fine be respited and he be released of his imprisonment, he giving bonds for his good behaviour, according to order of Court.

ED. RANDOLPH. *Secretary*

Aug 25th. 1686

THE COMMISSIONERS OF CUSTOMS IN LONDON TO EDWARD
RANDOLPH.*Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 53.*

S^r Wee have yo^{rs} of the 30th of June last advising us of yo^r Seizure of Two small vessells viz^t the Swallow Joshua West Master and the Success Joshua Glover Master the latter of w^{ch} Belongs to Scotland and hath been an' old Transgressor Soe that Wee hope there will be noe failure in yo^r Part in the Effectuall Prosecu^{co}n thereof w^{ch} Wee shall owne a very good service and because you Informe us that the Pinke Success was Loaden mostly wth Scotch goods for w^{ch} he produced his Cocquetts Wee desire you to send the same to us by the first Vessell bound hither, Whereby Wee may Probably detect some of our officers whome Wee have suspected to be guilty of giving out counterfeit Cocquetts and other Dispatches to the Prejudice of his Ma^{ty}s Duties Wee shall expect to heare from you by all Convenient opportunity and be ready to give you all Countenance and assistance in the discharge of yo^r Duty We rest

Your loving freinds

SAM CLARKE

CH. CHEYNE

JO. WERDEN

J. BUCKWORTH

WEBSTER

Customeh^o Lond^oy^e 7. Augst 1686

Duplicate

Mr. Randolph New England

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO THE LORD TREASURER.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Third Series, Vol. VII. p. 154.

Boston in New England Aug 23. 1686

May it please your Lordship,

By the blessing of God and your Lordship's favour, I have performed his Majesty's commands, and brought this people to a nearer dependence upon the Crown. I have likewise served 2 writs of *Quo Warranto*, upon the other 2 Colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island, who are preparing to make their humble submission to his Majesty, But unless his Majesty please, in a very short time, to send us over a General Governor from England, all that is already done, will be of little advantage to his Majesty's interest. The independent faction still prevails, and persons of dangerous principles from England, Ireland and other places, are here received and highly encouraged. They have put Captain Blackwell, Oliver, [Cromwell's] treasurer, in London, son in law to Lambert, excepted in the Act of Indemnity, and a violent Commonwealth's man, to be of the commission of the peace and a man consulted with in all public affairs. The independent ministers and others, make every ill use of his Majesty's indulgence and liberty of conscience, some of them have spoken treasonable words in their pulpits, of which (to no purpose) I have complained to the President and Council, so that I am humbly of opinion, that liberty of conscience will much obstruct the settlement of this place, unless duly regulated by the authority of a prudent Governor sent hither. Your Lordship may please to remember, that
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this commission was but temporary, and served only to un-hinge the Commonwealth, which for many years, was usurped and managed by a faction. All the members of the present Council, Mr. Mason and myself excepted, are either Church members, or strong abettors of that party, and even Mr. Dudley, our President, was not long since a zealous preacher amongst us, and though, while in London, he pretended to be of the Church of England, yet since he is made President, courts and keeps private cabals with these factious ministers and others, who, in the time of Monmouth's Rebellion, refused to pray for his Majesty. His Majesty hath been graciously pleased to make me Secretary of his Council here, but the accounts of the late Treasurer and whatever relates to the discovery of his Majesty's Revenue, is kept from my knowledge. The public records, and all the grants and settlement of lands in this country, which ought to be lodged in my office, are otherwise disposed of, not being willing to intrust them with me, who have been, and (as they say), am still the grand enemy of their country. Mr. Wharton, a member of the Council, did openly declare, that his Majesty, in appointing me his Secretary and Register, intended to inthrall this people in vassalage. I have proposed the raising a revenue, yet cannot be heard in Council. I have likewise pressed the making of strict orders to prevent the irregular trade of this place, but some of the Council are traders, and others by marriage or otherwise so nearly related, that without a General Governor, interlopers will be countenanced, notwithstanding all my endeavors to the contrary. Here have been five or six ships seized and condemned, which inflames the people's malice against me.

And

And the President, who by his office and duty is obliged to assist me, has openly refused, to his Majesty's great disservice. I question not but by his Majesty's uniting the several Colonies under one Government, to raise his Majesty a considerable revenue by quit rents towards the support of the Government, which will yearly increase. Of this the President, Mr. Wharton and several others, who have engrossed great tracts of land are sensible, and are, therefore, unwilling to admit me to discover their Estates. It was by your Lordship's favour, that his Majesty, in consideration of my past services, was pleased to grant me the office of Register and Secretary of this Government, a place in his Majesty's other plantations of considerable advantage; but they have taken so great prejudice against me, that they have disposed of the perquisites of that office to persons of their own stamp, so that, for all my trouble and attending the Council here, I am not like to make £20 a-year. My earnest expectation of a General Governor, supports me under all these difficulties and disappointments, and though they treat me so rudely, yet I shall continue to assert his Majesty's interest in the Station I am placed in, and ever remain, Right Honourable,

Your Lordship's
most humble
and most obedient Servant,
ED. RANDOLPH.

To the Right Honourable the Lord Treasurer.

LETTER

LETTER FROM M^R RANDOLPH TO THE COMMITTEE.*State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (91).*Boston in New Eng^dAug^t 23 : 1686.May it please y^r Lordf^{ps}

In my letter of y^e 28th of July last I humbly represented to y^r Lordf^{ps} my Seruing y^e Writts of Quo Warr^{to} ag^t y^e Colonies of Road Island & Connecticut, & that they intended to make their humble Submission of their Charters to his Ma^{tie} vnlesse vnderhand diverted by the faction in this Gom^t who are countenanced & are not out of hopes to be restored to the exercise of their former Authority by Charter: the late Generall Court being vpon an adjournment continued, made vpon y^e 21 of May last & are to meet at 8 aClock in y^e morning vpon y^e second wednesday in October next: and as yet y^e President & Councill, tho' often moued by my selfe that their adjournm^t ought to be declared illegall, haue done nothing to discountenance that act: but on y^e Contrary, haue preferred diuers of y^e Magistrates & others of the late Gom^t to Commands in the present Militia & Justices of y^e Peace in feuerall of the townes in this Country.

His Ma^{tie} hauing been Graciously pleased to grant me the Office of Secretary & Register of this Gom^t I demanded the Records of the Generall Court & other Bookes of publick Concern, which ought to be lodged in my Office; and had an Order to that purpose; but some of y^e Councill & others looking vpon me as y^e Onely enemy of their Country haue encouraged the former Sec^{ry} to keepe them in his Custody: to the end y^r Lordf^{ps} might not know what Large tract^s of Land they haue bestowed vpon each other & are at this day making sure to themselues all the land in this Gom^t not yet disposed

disposed of, in which project is one Cap^t Blackwell Treasurer to y^e Army in Cromwells tyme & Son in Law to Lambert, & now made a Justice of y^e Peace, altho' excepted in y^e act of free & Generall pardon in y^e 12th of his late Ma^{tie}. They likewise refuse to lett me haue an account of the Receites & disbursements of their late Treasurers, which I haue often demanded, the better to discover to your Lord^{ships} the Rates & Taxes imposed vpon the poeple (against the wills of most of y^e Inhabitants) to defend their Charter & continue themselves in Gom^t. The Great favour of liberty of Conscience granted this poeple may in a short tyme be of ill consequence to this Governm^t vnlesse it be in the power of his Ma^{ties} Gen^l Gou^r to putt some limitation to their extravagant vse of it, It plainly appeares, That altho' his Ma^{tie} has been graciously pleased to appoint Seuerall of the members of the late Gom^t to be of his Councill here, yet they retain the Old principles; and I humbly propose it very necessary for the Good governing of this plantation that his Ma^{ties} Gen^l Gou^r be likewise impowred to displace Such persons in y^e Councill who oppose his Ma^{ties} interest, and elect others in their stead, Otherwise twill not be possible to raise a Revennue for Support of this Gom^t.

Great numbers of poeple are transplanting themselves from England Scotland. etc: to this Country One Ship has now brought vs 60 passengers with 2 nonConformists Ministers. I haue prestd that all persons aboue 16 yeares old Should present their names & giue an account of themselves, and also be obliged to take y^e Oath of Allegiance, but this being looked vpon as a great discouragement to good poeple, is referrd to the directions of his Ma^{ties} Gen^l Gou^r.

I find the Country dissatisfied for want of an Assembly of
representatiues

representatiues from y^e Seuerall townes in y^e Gom^t with power to raise money & make Lawes etc. the great matters they aime at, are a Gen^l Pardon: a Confirmation to them of all their Lands & possessions what-soeuer: and to Settle Independency by a Law: but are very cold & backward to my propofalls of Raifing his Ma^{tie} a Revennue vpon Quitt Rents and the Confumption of all liquors wines & other Merchandize imported this Country: which vpon the addition of the Colonies of Connecticutt & Road Island to this Gom^t may amount to nigh 4000th a yeare: Some part of which ought necessarily to be applied to maintain Officers in the Seuerall Ports of this Gom^t (as in New York) to take care that the Acts of trade be duely executed; otherwise No men of Creditt will vndertake That trust vnlesse they haue a Competent allowance for their Seruice.

Wee haue lately had a Pyrate of 14 Gunns & 100 men vpon Our Coasts & Cap^t Georg Commander of the Rose frigott was ordred to find him Out: but he came too late, for y^e Pirate hauing first rob'd 2 Sloopes loden with Pork pease & other provifions was gone away to the West Indies: not long since Gramond a french man of 50 guns lay off Carolina, & desired leaue to trade, which was denied him: wee haue aduise y^t a Small Sloop of 20 men haue been seen vpon Our Coasts: these very much disturb our Trade.

all which is most humbly
submitted

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EDRANDOLPH.

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords
of y^e Committe for trade.

[*Endorsed*]

[*Endorsed*] Boston 23 : Aug : 86.
From M^r Randolph
To the Co^mittee.
Rec^d 21 Oct : 86
Read y^e 24th Octob. 1686.

ABDUCTION BY PIRATES.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Third Series, Vol. VII. p. 157.

The humble petition of William Douglass to the Hon.
Joseph Dudley Esq. President etc.

Having been carried off from Carolina by a pirate, the petitioner escaped from the ship when in Casco, "your petitioner was put to great streights both for food and linen, &c. whereupon he applied himself to the worshipful Edward Randolph for relief, who kindly ordered Erasmus Stevens to take care of him, to help him to what your petitioner wanted, till he had an opportunity, humbly to lay my Condition before your honors." . . .

WILLIAM DOUGLASS.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO FITZ-JOHN WINTHROP.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Sixth Series, Vol. III. p. 476.

To Major Winthrop at New London.

Boston. Aug^t 25. 1686.

S^r, — I congratulate your recovery from your late indisposition, and that you may not suddainely relapse, I fend you for a cordiall the good newes that S^r Edm^d Andros is appointed our gouv^r. Calls first at Bermodos to fettle that governm^t,

governm^t, and upon y^e Kingfisher, a ship of 50 guns, comes for Boston, where he may arrive some time in Nov^{br} next, with his lady. God fend them a safe passage! My service to Madam Curwin & Madam Ann: is all from,

S^r, your humble serv^t

E: RANDOLPH

RANDOLPH'S PETITION FOR FEES AS SEC^{RY} & REG^R.—£80
p ANN.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (166) 28 Aug. 1686.

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of
the Committe for Trade &
Forraigne Plantations.

The Petition of Edward Randolph Sheweth

That his Maj^{tie} in Considera^{cion} of Yo^r Petitioners past Services and hardshipps undergone in ten years attending his Majestyes Comānds in New England, was graciously pleased as a Mark of his Royall Bounty to grant to Your Petitioner the Office of Secretary and Sole Register of his Majestyes Governour and Councill, and of his Majestyes Government in his Maj^{ties} Territory and Dominion of New England to exercise and enjoy the Said Office by himself, or Deputy or Deputyes there for the time being, with all fees, Rights and Perquisitts to the said Places or offices or Either of them belonging in as full and ample manner to all intents and purposes as the Secretary and Register of his Majestyes Island of Jamaica or of any other his Maj^{ties} planta^{cion}s in America have had or do now receive and enjoy.

That after his Maj^{ties} Comi^{ssion} of Government with great
difficulty

difficulty was accepted of and Published in this Coloney Yo^r Petitioner produced to the President and Councill his Maj^{ties} Grant to Yo^r Petito^r to be Secretary and Sole Register, and demanded to be put in possession of that Office, and to have all the Records and bookes of the publick concernes of the Country to be Lodged and remaine under the care of Yo^r Petitioner, but Yo^r Petition^r being reputed the Co^mon enemy for Vacating their Charter and bringing the Country under a more i^mmediate dependance upon the Crowne, The President and Councill have appointed other persons in Severall parts of the Country to Execute the Office of Sole Register without haveing first obtained deputations from Yo^r Petitioner, Neither can Yo^r Petitioner take the former Records into His Possession to the end theirby to Conceal from Yo^r Petition^r the large tracts of Land they have granted to Each other, And have also Refused to Yo^r Petitioner the Sume of Eighty pounds yearly (paid to their former Secretary) to Support the Charge of Clerks and other officers necessary to assist in the Office of Secretary.

Now forasmuch as Yo^r Petitioner by the undue proceedings of the President and Councill is defrauded and wholly disappointed of the benefit of his Maj^{ties} favour and reward of his past Services, Yet in obedience to his Maj^{ties} Co^mands does continue his attendance as Sec^y of the Councill least his Majestyes affaires might suffer by his absence

Your Petitioner humbly Prayes Yo^r Lordships to take the Premises into Your Lordsh^{ps} consideration and to Order that the Salary of 80th paid the former Secretary may be paid Yearly to Your Petitioner to Support

port the necessary charge of Clerks and also to receive and enjoy all Such fees and perquisitts belonging to his office of Sec̄ry and Sole Register in as full and ample manner as the Secretary and Register in Jamaica or any other his Maj^{ties} plantacons in America do enjoy.

Boston in New Eng^d.

Aug^t 28th 1686.

EDRANDOLPH.

[*Endorsed*] The Petition of
Edward Randolph.

Pr^sented to y^e Com^{tee} y^e 24th Oct. 86.

ESTABLISHMENT OF 2 FOOT COMPANIES IN N: ENG^d

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (447), 30 Aug. 1686.

For Two Comp^{as} in New England.

Whereas Wee have thought fitt to appoint Two Companys of Foot for Our Service in New-England, Wee do hereby make and pass this Our Establishment for the Same to commence from the first of September next whereof the Pay Master Generall of Our Forces Our Commiffary Generall of Our Musters and all others whom it may concern are to take notice and to conform themselves accordingly. Given at Our Court at Windsor this 30th day of August 1686 In the Second Year of Our Reign.

| One Company. | | Per Diem | Per Annum |
|--|--|----------|-----------|
| The Captain | | 0 08 00 | 146 00 00 |
| Lieutenant | | 0 04 00 | 73 00 00 |
| Ensign | | 0 03 00 | 54 15 00 |
| Two Sarjeants at 18 ^d each p Diem | | 0 03 00 | 54 15 00 |
| | | Three | |

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| | Per Diem | Per Annum |
|---|---------------|------------------|
| Three Corporalls at 12 ^d . each | 0 03 00 | 54 15 00 |
| One Drummer | 0 01 00 | 18 05 00 |
| Fifty Soldiers at 8 ^d each | 1 13 04 | 608 06 08 |
| | <hr/> 2 15 04 | <hr/> 1009 16 08 |
| The Charge of one Company more at the Same Rates and Numbers above expreffed } | 2 15 04 | 1009 16 08 |
| A Chirurgeon to attend the faid Companys | 0 02 06 | 45 12 06 |
| For Contingencies | 0 00 10 | 15 04 02 |
| | <hr/> 5 14 00 | <hr/> 2080 10 08 |
| Totall | | |

ROCHESTER.

SUNDERLAND. P.

[*Endorfed*] 1686. Establiſhm^t For Two Companys of Foot
in New England.

M^r. BULLIVANT'S L^rE TO M^r. RANDOLPH AB^t. THE RECORDS
IN M^r. RAWSON'S HANDS.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (168).

S^r:

I ferved the Order of Councill on M^r. Rawſon this day
about the Records &c^a. which ledd to many diſcourſes betwixt
us, too tedious to be here inferted, he gives for anfwer in
General that he will ſpeedily wait upon You himſelf about
it, and that the oath of God is upon him to the Country
that entrusted him, and he cannot Satisfie his Conſcience
that he is obliged to reſign them, unleſs he be diſcharged by
a power that can indempnifie him, he alſo thinks it very juſt
that before he be diſcharged of y^t truſt, his arrears of Salary
for his Service to the Country be payd, and that a confidera-
con

ſon be had of his paines in Sorting the papers, w^{ch} will be a very confiderable expence of time to him, and one, that muſt be his Affiſtant in it, this is all I can do, or Suppoſe will be done in it at preſent,

I am S^r Yo^r moſt humble Serv^t

BENJAMIN BULLIVANT.

Sept: 11th 1686.

[*Endorſed*] Boſton. 11 Sept: 86.
From M^r Bullivant
to M^r Randolph
touching the Records
in M^r Rawſon's hands.

PETITION RESPECTING THE ELEUTHERIANS.⁸

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 84.

In anſwer to this Petition, The Prefident and Council do approve of, and allow of the petitioners removing the diſtreſſed Eleutherian people into Caſco Bay, for their ſettle-ment and ſupport, and will recommend their prayer for the grant of their lands deſired unto his majeſty for his Royal favour therein.

By the Prefident and Council

ED RANDOLPH *Secretary*

Council Houſe, Sept. 15, 1686

Alſo at the motion of the petitioners, it was farther con-ſented to by Richard Wharton and Bartholomew Gedney Eſq^{rs} that they will annex their lands in or near ſaid Town
to

⁸ Eleutheria is one of the Bahama Iſlands.

to the same and as improvement shall be made on their respective lands, to contribute to Town charge and in improvement, and Mr Wharton consented, reserving his propriety that the town bounds shall extend Eastwardly as far as Puggamugga River

ED. RANDOLPH, *Secretary*

LETTER FROM EDWARD RANDOLPH IN CASE OF A LIBELED
BRIG. [TO THE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK]

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. LXI. p. 271.

Boston Sep^r. 20th 1684 [1686]

Hon^d S^r

I am obliged by all opportunityes to pay my duty to your Hon^r and now more particularly by M^r Surveyor Gen^l whom I have desired to give yo^r Hon^r a short account of my prosecuting a Brigantine and loading from Newfound land for unlivery before entry and in order to her Tryall I exhibited my informaçon in the Court of Admiralty, But Capt. George's mate being gone to the Eastward to discover and take a pirate by accident mett wth the goods where they were landed and concealed and brought them to this port, and the Captaine would try them in our Court of pleas held in Boston, but that Court finding that the Cause was by my prior Information duly lodged in the Court of Admiralty dismissed the Cause and ordered it to be tryed in the Court of Admiralty, I hear Captaine George intends to bring the Brigantine and goods about to New York in order to obtaine a tryall there if so I intreat your hon^{rs} favour to allow me time to make out my right of prosecution w^{ch} I shall do effectually by the next opportunity of sending to New York.

I

I undertake not to trouble your hon^r with any news from hence Mr Surveyor being very well informed in all the occurrences of this place to whom I humbly referr your hon^r and remaine in all duty

Your most humble ferv^t

E. R.

ANSWER TO CAPTAIN PALMER.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 97.

In answer to Capt. Palmers motion referring to seized shipp. Mr. Randolph informing that the seizure of her was at the request of Cap^t. Palmer who informed that she hath imported malaga wines etc. into the Gov^t of New York where the s^d wines have since been condemned & the record thereof before us. Wee do judge that according to y^e Act of y^e fifteenth of his late Ma^{tie} the said ship ought to suffer her tryall in y^e Territory or place where the said breach was committed or in some Court of record in England as the said Act directs.

By order of the Presid^t and Councill

ED. RANDOLPH, Secy.⁹

Sept 27. 1686

TO THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCILL OF HIS
MA^{TYS} TERRITORY AND DOMINION OF NEW ENGLAND.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 121. [21 October 1686]

Edward Randolph Eq^r Collector and Surveyor of his
Ma^{tys} Customes doth represent that Joshua Rawlins mas^t of
the

⁹ Also *Massachusetts Archives*, Vol. CCXLII. p. 339.

the ketch Providence of Maryland came to the office of his Maj^{ty}s Customs to make entry of said ketch upon report of his loading he refused to make entry upon oath, whereupon having received information that the f^d master had broke bulk and unliveried part of his cargoe in this government about three oclock in the afternoon I sent M^r Luggar Deputy Searcher of his Maj^{ty}s customs to go on board the said ketch and seize her for his Maj^{ty}s use she then lying near Capt Anthony Howard's wharfe, the said Luggar accordingly went to execute his office but was not admitted to go on board the said ketch by David Simpson belonging to the Rose ffrigott who was there by order of M^r Condon Lieutenant to the f^d ffrigott as was reported and the said David Simpson there told the said Luggar y^t if he came from M^r Randolph he should not come on board and to that end took up a narrow ax that lay upon the deck and swore he would cut the said Luggar in pieces if he offered to put his foot in that vessell upon w^{ch} the sd Luggar made his complaint to me that he was affronted in his office, presently after William Hill one of my Deputyes came to me and also complained that the said David Simpson had fallen upon him & had cut his face and would not suffer the f^d Hill to go on board the f^d ketch the f^d Hill further saith that he would lay down his deputation and not expose his person to hurt and violence unless he could be protected and assisted according to law. Upon the complaint of the afores^d persons I went to Ifaiah Toy Constable of this towne and took the f^d Toy with me & went to the afores^d wharfe of M^r Howard & there found the f^d David Simpson walking on board the f^d ketch with the narrow ax before mentioned lying on
the

the deck forward and also found my officers unwilling to go on board the said ketch, At last by the assistance of the constable I put on board John Burridge and W^m Hill both sworn Waiters and commanded the said Constable to take charge of the f^d David Simpson and bring him before one of his Maj^{ties} Justices of the peace to be proceeded against according to law and meeting wth Richard Wharton Esq^r I desired him to go with me to hear the matter, but not far from M^r Shrimpton's house Cap^t George & Cap^t S^t Loe met the f^d Constable with the f^d Simpson where the f^d Capt. George in a great passion gave threatening language both to M^r Wharton & myselfe & in a roytous manner endeavoured the rescue of the f^d David Simpson and did strike at the said Constable with his cane but the said Constable defended himselfe and received the blow with his staffe and at the sametime two of Capt George's men came behind the constable endeavouring to rescue the f^d Simpson. Capt George followed me to M^r. Ushers door where he gave me most violent provoking language calling me pittypull little fellow & said that the worst of his men on board his ship had as much power to seize vessells as myselfe, and threatened Erasmus Stevens (and other my officers then present) that iff any of them passed by his shippe he would fetch them on board and whippe them till their backs were raw.

ED. RANDOLPH Coll.

LETTERS FROM RANDOLPH & THE PRES^T. & COUNCIL.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 109, p. 19.

Mem^d On the 21 : of October 1686

Rec^d a letter without date from the President @ Council
New Engld. of New England to the Committee.

A letter from M^r Randolph to the Committee dated the
3^d of August laft.

At the Committee for Trade & Plantations
In the Council-Chamber at Whitehall
Saturday the 23 : of October 1686.

Present: Lord Chancelor, Lord Treasurer, Lord Prefi-
dent, Duke of Albemarle, Lord Chamberlane, Lord Visco^t
Preston, Lord Dartmouth, M^r Chanc^r of y^e Excheq^r

New England The Petⁿ of Nath: Wear Attorney of Willm
Vaughan read, praying that the Hearing of His
Wear's petⁿ for
putting off y^e
Hearing of his
Appeal. Appeal may bee put off till after y^e 4th day of
November next: Whereupon it is ordered that
all partys concerned have notice to attend the Committee
at the first Meeting after that day, when their Lo^{ps} will hear
the faid Appeal.

A Letter from the President and Council of
New England, Informing their Lo^{ps}, that they
have reduced the Ports there to such a number
that the Frauds formerly practiced to the prejudice of His
Ma^{ty}'s Customs will bee more easly restraind; That fundry
Shippes had been seized and condemned, and one
coming from the Canarys with Wine is, vpon
seisure of a
Canary-Ship. security given to Answer the Value in case of Condemna-
tion, referred for His Ma^{ty}'s determination; That M^r Ran-

dolph

Writts of Quo Warranto. dolph hath served the Writts of Quo Warranto
 Seisure made at Penobscot. iffued against Rhode Island and Conecticut;
 That the Judge of the Admiralty of New-York hath made
 feizure of Goods landed at Penobscot, being part
 of the lands granted by the late King to His
 Present Ma^{ty}, but deliverd to the French vpon the Treaty
 of Breda; That they had rec^d. their Lo^{ps} letter of Recom
 mendation of M^r Ratliff with due regard, and a
 convenient place for publick Worship is allowd to him and
 his Hearers. That the Treasury is wholly empty,
 and almost all the Laws for Publick Revenues
 expired, which without an Asssembly they are vnable to
 renew.

JOSEPH DUDLEY to EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 134.

S^r

I have just now received Cap^t Georges information against
 a Ketch Thomas Ashley, Master, now riding at Anchor in
 y^e bay for importation of Linnens, shoes & other European
 Goods that have not payd the Kings dues & to the end that
 his Majestys affayr may not suffer I have ordered Capt.
 George to admit of one of your Deputyes to make y^e feiz-
 ure & I would have also a wayter left on board and y^e
 Tryall shall come speedily forward.

I am S^r

your ferv^t.

Roxbury
 25th Oct. 1686.

J. DUDLEY

MR.

MR. RANDOLPH TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinson, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 294.

Boston in N. E. Octo. 27th, 86.

May it please your Grace,

I have sometime since humbly represented to your grace a necessity of having a church built in Boston to receive those of the church of England. Wee have at present 400 persons who are daily frequenters of our church, and as many more would come over to us, but some being tradesmen, others of mechanick professions, are threatened by the congregationall men to be arrested by their creditors, or to be turned out of their work, if they offer to come to our church; under such discouragements wee lye at present, and are forced to address your grace for reliefe.

I have taken care to informe myselfe how the money sent over hither for the company of evangelizing Indeans in New England (for soe by their pattent from his late Majesty they are stiled) is disposed of here. Here are 7 persons, called Commissioners or trustees, who have the sole manage of it; the chief of which are Mr. Dudley, our president, a man of a base, servile and antimonarchicall principle, Mr. Stoughton, of the old leaven, Mr. Richards, a man not to be trusted in publique busines, Mr. Hinkley, governor of New Plimouth collony, a rigid independant, and others like to these. The poor Indians (those who are called ministers) come and complaine to Mr. Ratcliffe, our minister, that they have nothing allowed them: We have spoken to the commissioners to have Some allowance for them; all we can gett is the promise of a coarse coat against winter, and would not suffer
Aaron,

Aaron, an Indian teacher, to have a bible with the common prayer in it, but took it away from him. This money is not less than 3 or 400 £. which is yearly returned over hither (some say 600) with which they enrich themselves, yet charge it all as layd out among the poore Indians. I humbly presume to remind your grace of your promise to me, when in England, that a commission should be directed to some persons here, unconcerned, to audit and report their acts of this money. We want good schoolemasters, none being here allowed of but of ill principle, and till there be provision made to rectifye the youth of this country, there is noe hopes that this people will prove loyall. The money now converted to private, or worse uses, will set up good and publick schooles and provide maintenance for our minister, who now lives upon a small contribution, and are yet forced to meet in the town-house.

I cannot omit to acquaint your grace, how tender conscienced, members of our old church, for soe they are distinguished from the other 2 churches in Boston, are. Not long since, I desired them to let their clerk toll their bell at 9 clock, Wednesdays and Fridays, for us to meet to go to prayers. Their men told me, in excuse for not doing it, that they had considered and found it intrenched on their liberty of conscience granted them by his Majestyes present commission, and could in noe wise assent to it. The necessity of a church and publick schooles and encouragement of ministers presses me to give your grace this trouble, which I humbly intreat your grace to remember to effect, least the Small beginnings of the church of England settled here with great difficulty, fall
to

to the ground and be lost, for want of tymely relief and countenance. All which is humbly submitted by

[EDWARD RANDOLPH]

BENJAMIN BULLIVANT TO SAMUEL GREENE.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Fourth Series, Vol. VIII. p. 663.

Mr Greene, — I am comāded by Mr Secretary Randolph to give you notice that you doe not proceed to print any Almanack whatever, without haveing his approbation for the fame.

Yo^{rs}

BEN : BULLIVANT

Boston 29. Novemb^r 1686.

ORDER FOR THE FIRST COUNCIL MEETING UNDER SIR
EDMUND ANDROS.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 165.

Sir,

Council House Dec. 21st 1686.

His Excellency, Sir Edmund Andros, Knight, Captain General and Governor in Chief, arrived here yesterday, at which time his Majesty's commiffion, bearing date the third of June last, was published, his Excellency has appointed a General Council, to be holden here on Thursday the 30th of this instant December, and directed me to acquaint all the members thereof, that they may be present accordingly. His Excellency presents his humble service to you, and would be glad to see you at Boston.

I am, Sir, your humble servant

EDWARD RANDOLPH.

EDWARD

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO FITZ-JOHN WINTHROP.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Sixth Series, Vol. III. p. 476.

To John Fitz Winthrop, Esq^r one of the members of his
Maj^{ty}s Councill, at New London, p^rsent.

Boston, [21] 22^d of Decemb^r 1686.

S^r, — His Excellence S^r Edmond Andros, Knight, Cap-
taine Generall & Governour in cheife, arrived here yester-
day, at w^{ch} time his Maj^{ty}es commiffion, bearing date the third
of June last, was published. His Excellence has appointed a
generall councill to be holden here on Thursday, the 30th of
this instant, December, and directed me to acquaint all the
members thereof, that they may be present accordingly. His
Excellence presents his humble service to you and would be
glad to see you at Boston. I am

Your humble fervant,

E: RANDOLPH.

LETTER OF ANDROS TO RHODE ISLAND, CONCERNING
RHODE ISLAND CHARTER.

Rhode Island Colonial Records, Vol. III. p. 219.

Boston December 22. 1686

Sir: This is to acquaint you that I arrived yesterday, at
which time his Maj^{ty}'s Commiffion, bearing date at Windsor,
the 3^d Day of June last, in the second year of his reign, ap-
pointed me Captain General and Governor in Chief of his
territory and dominion of New England, and his Majesty
having

having upon the addrefs and fubmiffion of the Charter, accepted thereof, hath commanded and authorized me upon my arrival in thefe parts, to demand in his Majesty's name, the actual furrender of the faid Charter, and to take the Colony of Rhode Ifland and Providence Plantation into my care, as part of the government, and to affure his good fubjects in your parts of his Majesty's countenance and protection in all things, in which his Majesty's fervice and your welfare fhall be concerned, and hath conftituted and appointed you, Walter Clark, Jo. Sanford, John Cogghall, Walter Newbury, John Greene, Richard Arnold and John Alborough Efqr's, to be members of the Council for the faid government. And I having appointed a general Council to be held in this place on Thursday, the 30th of this instant December, you are to communicate this to the above named members of the Council, and together with them, to give your attendance for his Majesty, and country's fervice as above.

I am your very affectionate friend, and defiring to hear from you in the meantime. [E. ANDROS.]

LETTER TO WALTER CLARK, GOVERNOR OF RHODE ISLAND.

Boston 22^d December 1686

Sir: This is to acquaint you that his Majesty having been pleased to fend me to the government of New England, of which you are a part, I arrived here on the 20th instant, where I found all very well difpofed to his Majesty's fervice; and his Majesty's letter patent to me for the faid government

ment having been published, were received with fuitable demonstrations.

I am commanded and authorized by his Majesty, at my arrival in these parts, to receive in his name the surrender of the Charter, if tendered by you, and to take you into my present care and charge, as other parts of the government, assuring his Majesty's good subjects of his countenance and protection in all things relating to his service and their welfare.

I have only to add, that I shall be ready and glad to do my duty accordingly, and therefore desire to hear from you as soon as may be, and remain

Your very affectionate friend

E. ANDROS.

SIR EDMUND ANDROS TO GOVERNOR TREAT.

Connecticut Colonial Records, Vol. III. p. 376.

Boston, ye 22^d December 1686.

S^r This is to acquaint you that his Majesty haveing been pleased to send me to the Government of New England, of which you are a part, I arrived here the 20th Instant, where I found all very well disposed to his Ma^{tys} service; and his Ma^{tys} Letters Pattents to me for the said Government being then published, were received with fuitable demonstration.

I am commanded and authorized by his Ma^{ty}, at my arrivall in these Parts, to receive in his name the surrender of your Charter (if tendered by you) and to take into my present care and charge, as other parts of the Government, assuring his Ma^{tys} good subjects of his countenance and protection

protection in all things relating to his service and their welfare.

I have only to add that I shall be ready and glad to doe my duty accordingly, and therefore desire to hear from you as soon as may be, and remaine,

your very affectionate friend

E. ANDROS.

To John Treat, Esq^r

Governour of his Maj^{ty}s Colony
of Connecticut P^rsent

[*Endorsed by Gov. Treat, as received Dec. 28th, at 11 o'clock at night.*]

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO GOVERNOR TREAT.

Colonial Records of Connecticut, Vol. III. p. 375.

Gentlemen

His Ma^{ty} hath commanded me to serve another Writt of Quo Warranto upon you. It's returnable the first of next Term. You find by a Letter from his Excellence S^r Edmond Andros, herewith sent you, that as yet a door is open for you, and 'tis your own faults if you fail of the enjoyments and indulgencies which his Ma^{ty} has been graciously pleased to grant to the Colonyes of New Plym^o and Road Island now annexed to this Governm^t.

By serving of this Quo Warranto, and not appearing to defend yourselves, judgm^t will be entered against you upon your non appearance, so that tis not in your choice how
next

¹⁰ The draft of the letter in Randolph's handwriting is found in *Massachusetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVI. p. 167.

next to dispose of yourselves. You have no way to make yourselves happy but by an early application to his Excellence, which is all, and more than you might expect to hear from me with whom you have so often and unkindly trifled with. However, I will not be disoblged, but am

Gentlemen,

Boston, Dec. 23.

Your humble Servant

ED. RANDOLPH.

[*Endorsed*] Receaved ys 28th December 1686 at
eleven of y^e clocke at night ys letter
p R. Treat, Gov^r.¹¹

FOR

¹¹ The first Writ of Quo Warranto from the King's Bench against Connecticut dated 8th of July, 1685, Lord Jeffreys being Chief Justice, was returnable in November on the octave of St. Martin. The second one also dated 8th of July, 1685, was returnable on the quinzaine of the next Easter. These were served in person by Randolph and the receipt was acknowledged by John Talcott, an assistant, and by John Allyn, Secretary, "upon the 20th of July 1686 about 12 or one in the morning." The third one, dated 23d of October, 1686, returnable in December on the octave of the Purification of the blessed Virgin Mary, Sir Edward Herbert being Chief Justice, was sent by Randolph in a letter. The receipt of the writ was acknowledged by Governor Treat on the

28th of December as in the text above. The Writs are in Latin and similar in terms to the Writs against Massachusetts. The full text of the first two are found in *Connecticut Colonial Records*, Vol. III. pp. 356, 357. The third, the original of which is in the possession of Mr. Henry H. Edes of Cambridge, was communicated by him at the April meeting, 1898, of the *Colonial Society of Massachusetts* and printed in its *Publications*.

The first two Writs were dated back nine days after the order was given for issuing them. This was done that they might bear the date of the last day of Trinity Term, which was in that year the 8th of July. See *Handy-Book of Rules and Tables for verifying dates*, by John J. Bond, London, 1875, pp. 178, 424.

FOR HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Second Series, Vol. VIII. p. 237.

To Major Pincheon at Springfield deliver.

Boston December 28. 86

Sir,

Our governor arrived the 20th instant, on the 22 wee had a council, and directions were given that all the members of the late government should be summoned to meet on the 30th instant, I did not fayle you, but sent the farthest way about, for his Excellency sending a letter to Connecticut Colony, and I dispatching a messenger to serve another writ of Quo Warranto on the governor of Connecticut sent to him your letter, which he will be so just as to send you at his coming to Hartford, where I am well assured the physick is to operate. I hear the little Quacks there are endeavouring to divert their coming under one government, but his Excellency has his Majesty's commands to accept of their surrender, which they cannot avoid, they must for publicity. Now I intreat you out of respect to your Son to come as soon as you can. I hope he will find the benefit of your journey, and I am to tell you his Excellency has a great kindness for you. If you come before you receive mine, order Mr. Glover the minister to open the letter, in which is an order of the Governor in Council to be communicated through your whole county. Be careful of yourself and speedy. We have Road Island already, and I fear not Connecticut. A dutifull submission will well become them, and place them in his Majesties favour. His Excellency will propose greater advantages

advantages for their ease and happiness than their weak phancy's can project. My service to your good Lady.

I am, Sir, yours

ED. RANDOLPH.

PROTEST OF EDWARD RANDOLPH AGAINST INFRINGEMENT
OF HIS OFFICE BY PRESIDENT DUDLEY.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. pp. 178-183. 30 December, 1686.

To his Excellency S^r Edmund Andros Kn^t Cap^t Generall
and Govenor in Chiefe of this his Maj^{tys} Territory and
Dominion of New England.

In all humbleness complaining sheweth unto your Excellency y^r orator Edward Randolph Esq^r that whereas his gracious Maj^{ty} that now is the twenty first day of September in the second yeare of his Maj^{tys} Reigne by his commission did give to understand to all to whome those presents should come that whereas he had thought fit to appoint a President and Councill untill he should send over a Governor in Chiefe to take care of all his Territory & Dominion in New England commonly caled or knowne by the names of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay, the Provinces of New Hamphier and Maine and the Narragansett Country otherwise caled the Kings Province with all the Islands rights members thereunto belonging and doth further give to understand that reposing espetiall trust and confidence in the Loyalty and abilities of his trusty and well beloved Edward Randolph Esq^r hath given and granted unto him the said Edward Randolph the severall and respective places and offices of Secretary and sole Register of his Maj^{tys} Governor and Councill of his Maj^{tys} Government there for the
time

time being of and in his Maj^{ty}s Territories and Dominion aforefaid and him the faid Edward Randolph Secretary and Register of his Maj^{ty}s Territory and Dominion doth by these Presents make ordaine and constitute To have hold exercise & enjoy the faid places and offices unto him the faid Edward Randolph by himselfe or his Deputye or Deputyes together with all fees, rights, privileges, profitts, perquisites and advantages to the faid places and offices or either of them belonging or in any wise appertaining or which shall belong or any wise appertaine in as full and ample manner to all intents & purposes as the Secretary and Register of his Maj^{ty}s Island of Jamaica or of any his Maj^{ty}s Plantations in America have had or did there receive and injoy as in and by the same (relation being thereunto had) may and doth more fully appeare, whereas by an Act made in the Island of Jamaica it is ordained by the Governor Councill & Assembly that the Secretaries Fees of that Island should be

(1) For a permit for every Vessell that departs that Island one shilling.

(2) For every Bond entred into by an Englishman not to carry any one of that Island without the Governor's ticket five shillings.

(3) For every Bond abovefaid for an alien Ship ten shillings.

(4) For entring a caveat setting up a name under wrighting any person in the office fixe pence.

(5) For a ticket to depart that Island two shillings and fixe pence.

(6) For taking a Bond obligatory one shilling and three pence.

(7)

(7) For a licence ffor marridge fifteen shillings & fixpence.

(8) For letters of Adminiftration Warrant of Appraife-ment Bond and filing the Inventory fourteen shillings.

(9) For recording a will of one fheet two shillings and fix pence.

(10) For every fheet moore then one eight pence.

(11) For every order of the Governor & Councill Copie thereof one shilling & three pence.

(12) For a licence to draw drinke sixteen shillings & fixe pence.

(13) For a Lett-pas for a Ship to depart five shillings.

(14) For every Proteft under hand & feale fixe shillings.

(15) For a citation two shillings and fixepence.

(16) For a dedimus ten shillings: As in and by the faid Act it may and doth moore fully appeare and whereas there is one other Act made by the Governor Councill and Affem- bly in the Ifland of Jamaica aforefaid for Regiftring of deeds and Patents it is enacted that the Clarke of the enrollments fhall and may take and receave for enrolling and copying an ordinary Deed Grant or Patent for one or moore parfell of Land or any Deed or Conveyance not exceeding the length of fuch Pattent five shillings.

For every Deed exceeding the length aforefaid eight pence per fheet accounting twenty leaves to a fhiet & eight words to a line.

For every fhort wrighting not exceeding the length afore- faid twelve pence.

For fearching the records twelve pence, and for acknowl- edging Satisfaction in the margine of a Morgage recorded one shilling and thre pence—as in and by the faid laft
recited

recited Act it may and doth moore fully Appeare. Now it may please your Excellency Joseph Dudley Esq^r not being ignorant of that his Maj^{tye} had granted unto your Orator The above said offices or Places your Orator having produced and showed unto him his Warrant for the said places or offices contriving and designing to call into question his Maj^{tyes} Grant to your Orator and to frustrate his Maj^{tyes} gracious intentions of favor to him did refuse obstruct and denie to permit and suffer your Orator to exercise and enjoye his said places or offices of Secretary & Register and to receive perceive and enjoye all and singuler the respective Fees Perquisites rights and profits which did justly belong and were due unto your Orator according as Secretary and Register of his Maj^{tyes} Island of Jamaica have had or then did receive and enjoye and moreover the said Joseph Dudley did introduce nominate and ordaine Doc^t Daniell Allen Thomas Dudley and other persons to execute and exercise the parts or part of the offices or places of Secretary and Register and did give unto them soe deputed by him the said Joseph Dudley power and authority to receive receive and enjoye severall fee and fees for the execution thereof whereby he the said Joseph Dudley combining and agreeing with the said persons did raise and procure unto himselfe severall great and large some and somes of money and to the great loss and damage of your Orator and contrary to all right and equity and good conscience: may it therefore please y^r Excellency, The premises considered to grant unto your Orator his Maj^{tyes} most gracious Writt of Subpena to be directed unto the said Joseph Dudley Commanding him thereby at a certaine day and under a certaine paine therein to be limited personally to appear in
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his Maj^{ty}s High Court of Chancery then & there upon his Corporall oath to shewe unto your Excellency by virtue of what power or Authority he the said Joseph Dudley did refuse and denye to permit and suffer your Orator wholly and intirely to execute, exercise and enjoye his above granted places and offices of Secretary and Register and did nominate and introduce to execute or officiate in part or in whole the above mentioned offices and places of Secretary and Register and because your orator is wholly ignorant what some or somes of money were justly due unto y^r Orator in relation to his said places and offices from any person or persons whose business did justly fall under the cognizance and management of your Orator by virtue of his said places: may it please your Excellency to enjoyne the abovesaid Joseph Dudley upon his Corporall oath to shewe and declare how many Act and Acts and things were by himselfe and by all and every person or persons soe deputed or introduced by him as above don and performed which of right did belong and pertain unto your Orators offices and places of Secretary and Register as also what and how many some and somes of money were justly due unto y^r Orator for and in respect of his above said offices and places and further to stand unto and abide such order direction and award concerning the premises as unto your Excellency shall seem meet and your Orator shall dayly pray for the long continuance of y^r Excellence prosperous Estate.

COUNCIL

COUNCIL OF TRADE TO SIR EDMUND ANDROS, GOVERNOR
OF NEW ENGLAND.*Massachusetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVI. p. 329. 12 January, 168 $\frac{5}{7}$.

S^r Having notice that under Colour of a Trade to Newfoundland for fith great quantities of Wine Brandy and other European goods are imported from thence into his Ma^{tys} plantations (particularly New England) on an allega^{ti}on that the said Newfoundland is accompted as one of the said planta^{ti}ons to which purpose tis now become a Magazine of all sorts of goods brought thither directly from France, Holland, Scotland, Ireland and other places which is not only Contrary to law, but greatly to the prejudice of his Maj^{tys} Customes and to the Trade and Navigation of this Kingdome, to the end therefore that soe destructive and growing an Evill may be timely prevented Wee desire you for his Maj^{tys} service to give publique notice to all persons concerned wthin your Governm^t that the Newfoundland is not to be taken or accompted a Planta^{ti}on being under noe Governm^t or other regulation as all his Maj^{ts} Planta^{ti}ons are but that all European goods imported from thence will be seized together with the shippes importing the same as forfeited by the Act of Trade made in the 15 yeare of his late Ma^{tys} Reigne and his said Ma^{tys} proclamation purfuant thereunto and you are strictly to give in charge to all his Maj^{tys} officers that they be very carefull not to suffer any European goods (other than what are by the aforesaid law & proclamation excepted) to be imported into New England, but such as shall appeare by Cocquetts or authentique certificats from some port of England, Wales or Berwick to have there duly

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shipp^t

shipp and put on board under forfeiture of shipp and goods as aforefaid, and in order to prevent the acceptance of forged cocquetts or certificates which have been heretofore practiced, you are (according to his Ma^{ts} particular instruccions to you) to give effectuall orders that the cocquetts for such goods be produced to the Collector of the Customs in New England or to his deputyes there for the time being before the unloading of the goods, and that noe European goods be landed but by warrants from the sd Collector or his deputyes in the presence of one or more officers appointed thereto and that for the better prevention of frauds of this kind noe shipp or Vessell doe lade or unlade any goods or Commodities whatsoever untill the Master or Commander thereof hath first made knowne to yourselfe or the person appointed by you the arrivall of such shipp or Vessell with her name and the name of the master and hath shewn that she is a shipp or vessell duly navigated and otherwise quallified according to law and hath delivered a true & perfect inventory of her lading together with the place or places in which the said goods were laden and taken into the said shipp or vessell under forfeiture of such shipp and goods.

Wee are frequently informed from our agent in Scotland of severall shippes coming thither with the enumerated plantation Commodities without touching to clear in any port in England Wales or Berwick being generally shippes that pretend to belong to and give Bond in the Plantacõns, which are plaine instances of the great neglect or corruption of the officers employed in executing the laws without which wee think it almost impossible that shippes should take in their whole ladings and not be discovered either at their arrivall or departure,

departure, wherefore Wee desire you for his Maj^{tys} service, not only to make a strict and speedy examination of these and like frauds tending foe apparently to the prejudice of his Ma^{tys} Revenue and the Trade of this Kingdome, but to take care and give effectuall orders that the like may be prevented for the future which may be done these two ways
1st By your care that all shippes not producing certificats of Bond given in England Wales or Berwick be obliged to give bond to your selfe or navall officer according to law before they load or take on board any of the enumerated commodities under penalty of the forfeiture thereof.

2^{ndly} that such shippes having foe given bond you use your utmost care and diligence to discover whether the Conditions thereof are performed and certificats thereof produced in a convenient time after, or in failure thereof that the said bonds be effectually prosecuted

Wee are S^r your very humble serv^{ts}

T. CHUDLEIGH. CH. CHEYNE.

Custome h^o London

D [NORTH?]

C. O. WERDEN

12 January 168⁶/₇

W. BUTLER

J. RUSHWORTH

S^r Edm^d Andros. Govern^r of New England.

A TABLE OF FFEES HUMBLY PRESENTED TO HIS EXCELLENCIE
THE GOVERNOUR AND COUNCELL FOR THEIR ALLOWANCE
TO THE SECRETARIES OFFICE IN NEW ENGLAND.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 244. 10 March, 1686-7.

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| for taking a bond obligatory | 00.05.00 |
| for letters of administration or probate of a will | 00.10.00 |
| | for |

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| for recording a will or inventory the first 24 lines | 00.05.00 |
| for every 12 lines more | 00.01.00 |
| for every petition to be read in Councell | 00.06.00 |
| for an order thereupon | 00.06.00 |
| for a copy of an order of Councell if but one fide | 00.03.00 |
| for each fide more | 00.01.06 |
| for a lett-passe for a ship or vessell to depart | 00.05. |
| for recording a deed if not above 2 fides | 00.05. |
| for each fide more then 2 fides p fide | 00.02. |
| for searching a record if within 2 yeares | 00.02. |
| if more for each yeare | 00.01. |
| for an acknowledging satisfaction in y ^e margin of a mortgage | 00.03. |
| for a certificate that a vessell was built within this his Majesties Dominion & for recording the same | } 00.12. |
| for a protest under hand & seale & recording y ^e same | |
| for a citation of a person to the Councell | 00.02.06 |
| for a dedimus | 00.10.00 |
| for a license for marriage | 0. 5.0 |

The fees of the Superior court of tryalls & assize as they have been allowed in y^e late Government of the President and Councell

The clerks fees what yo^r Excellencie and Honours please to allow.

[EDWARD RANDOLPH]

FFEEES FOR Y^E CUSTOME HOUSE.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 274. 17 March, 1684

Veffells inward bound.

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| Every veffells entry not exceeding 40 tonn | £00. 3. 6 |
| if above 40 tonn | 5.00 |
| ffor a permit or lycense to unload | 1.00 |
| ffor an oath upon a Ma ^{rs} entry & clearing | 0.06. |

Veffells outward bound.

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| every veffells Entry to load | 1.00 |
| every veffells clearing not exceeding 40 tonn | 3.06 |
| if above 40 tonn for clearing | 5.00 |
| ffor a bond for his Maj ^{tys} use | 5.00 |
| ffor a certificate y ^t : Bond is given | 5.00 |
| ffor a certificate to take up a bond | 5.00 |
| ffor registering and discharging a bond | 00.06 |
| ffor registering a certificate | 0.06 |
| ffor coasting Veffells & wood Botes. outwards to enter into bond once a yeare not to Carry European or Plantacon Comodityes without entry | 5.00 |
| ffor entry of every coasting veffell loading Eu- ropean Comodityes or of the Plantations | 1.06 |
| for a lycense to unliver their loadings | 1.06 |
| ffor all coasting veffells tradeing too and from the neighbouring Colonyes | 2.06 |
| ffor a Bond for coasting veffells carrying any of the inumerated Comodyties out of this Govern. | 1.00 |

ED RANDOLPH Coll.

JOHN

JOHN GRANT TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

*Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 243.*S^r

I recd y^{rs} dated y^e 26th of November and am glad y^e goods are safely arrived, I hope you will excuse y^e trouble I have given you, but in any capacity wherein I can serve you I shall be glad to returne your kindnesse. ye 22nd of November my wife was brought to bed with a fine boy w^{ch} thrives well, S^r John was pleased to give him his own name and call him Maynard Grant: your Daughter is very well and still pleased to continue as her good company w^{ch} is no little satisfaction to my wife and myselfe, S^r though unknowne to you and your Lady, yet y^e kindnesse recd from you towards my humble services, and good wishes for you, and herein my wife joynes with me w^{ch} is all from y^r unknowne but much obliged friend to serve you.

JOHN GRANT

Nevils-Court
in fetter-lane London
March 10th 168⁶₇

FROM M^r. RANDOLPH TO THE COMMITTEE.*State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 25 (120).*Boston: March 25th 1687.Right Hon^{ble}

In obedience to your Lord^{sh}^{pps} commands are humbly laid before your Lord^{sh}^{pps} the Lawes made & passed in Councill: together with the Proceedings in Councill since his Excellency^s arrivall: the Extreimity of a hard winter & Great distance

distance of many of y^e Members of y^e Councill from Boston, has occasioned the delay of Such locall Lawes found by Experience necessary for y^e common benefitt of y^e Country which at next meeting of y^e Councill will be perfected.

Amongst y^e lawes now transmitted to y^r Lord^{shps}, That for continuing & establisshing Severall Rates & Dutyes etc: passd with great difficulty, not that tis a new thing or hardship vpon the poeple for there is nothing containd in it but what is transcribed out of their printed Law booke & will not amount to in New Eng^d money aboue 1000th: but they haue alwayes accounted themselues a free poeple & looke vpon this act to be a Clogg vpon them and their estates. His Excellence has taken care to settle Civill and Military Officers thro' the whole Gom^t & directed that an account be giuen to y^e Treasurer of Such Great Gunns & Small Arms, Ammunition & other vtenfills of Warr, which in y^e time of y^e late Gom^t were purchased at y^e Countrys charge, to bee disposed of for his Ma^{ties} Service & Security of y^e Country, which is so naked and vnprovided for defence ag^t any invasion by sea or land, that twill cost a Great deal of money to putt y^e Castle & forts (of little strength at best) in reasonable repaire: The Quo Warranto brought heither vpon his Excellencyes arrivall was Served vpon y^e Gou^r of Connecticutt Colony in December last, hee has called an Assembly, and the poeple of that Colony are all very desirous to be vnited to this his Ma^{ties} Gom^t hauing from their first Settlement held a mutuall Correspondence in trade & commerce, and indeed neither this Gom^t nor that Colony can well Subsist, if parted.

Collonell Dongan has appointed the Delivery of y^e ffort at pemmaquid & dependances to his Excellency who has
accordingly

accordingly sent a Commission Officer & 22 men to take care of it.

Vpon his Excellency's arrivall in Boston, he discours'd the necessity of hauing the vse (at least) of One of their Churches for the exercise of ye Religion of ye Church of England, & there being no convenient place assignd for that End, his Excellence hauing first advisd with y^e Councill, gaue notice to y^e members of y^e third Church in Boston That he intended to haue a Sermon there on Easter day; and appointed our Minister to perform his Office which he accordingly did between the Houres of 11 and 1; in the forenoon, & 4 & 6 in y^e afternoon, not in the least manner obstructing them who make vse of that place as formerly.

Wee find it a difficult thing to raise a Maintenance for Our Minister, and nothing will more obstruct the Settlement of y^e Church of Eng^d then to haue the Minister precarious, he is a Sober and diligent person & wants not onely a good encouragement for his Support, but 3 or 4 able persons ought to be sent heither to preach in the Seuerall late Governments where are some thousands of poeple men Women & Children vnbaptized.

My Lords I humbly propose it very necessary for his Ma^{ties} Service that the Charter of Connecticutt Colony be prosecuted to effect. I know they will employ none to defend it, but let the Law take its Course, That (with the late Gom^t at Boston) they may be passiuē & not be Said to giue away the poeples Rights: all which I most humbly Submitt & remain in all Duty Right Hon^{ble} Your Lord^{ps}

most humble & most obedient Seru^t ED RANDOLPH.

To y^e Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of y^e Committee, et.

[Addressed]

[*Addressed*] To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee for
Trade & foraign Plantations at Whitehall humbly present
[*Endorsed*] N. England. 25 Mar. 87. From M^r Randolph
to y^e Comittee. Rec^d 17 May 87.

FROM M^r. RANDOLPH TO MY L^d. PRESIDENT.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (122).

Boston March 25 : 1687.

Right Hon^{ble}

Purfuant to his Excellencies Commands are humbly tranfmitted to your Lordsh^p the Severall acts which haue paffd here in Councill, and are alfo tranfmitted vnder the Seal of the Gom^t to be laid before the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee for Trade : and moft humbly Submitted to his Ma^{tie} the Extreimity of y^e winter has greatly obftructed the difpatch of publick bufines, but wee labour vnder a greater difficulty, for amongft thofe many perfons chofen out of the Severall Colonyes to be of y^e Councill there is not one, who rightly vnderftands the Lawes & practice of the Courts of England ; from whence arifes a great want of fitt perfons to make Judges etc. & other Minifteriall Officers. They haue made themfelues Titles to very larg tracts of Land, fo that as matters are now Circumftanced Its not Safe to bring titles of Land to Tryall before them where in his Ma^{ties} Right is concernd the Judges being alfo partyes. This makes all matters relating to his Ma^{tie} go on very heavily.

His Excellence befides my Serving a Second writt of Quo Warr^o againft the Charter of Connecticott, has vfed all

meanes to a Submiffion & Surrender of their Charter. The inhabitants are very defirous to bee vnder this Gom^t. The addition of that Colony may in tyme raife about 3000th a yeare thro' the whole Dominion towards defraying y^e publick charg: they fend formall & dilatory letters onely to gain tyme, but very much to the damage of the whole Territory, for as Our Shipping & fishery cannot be carried on without Supplyes of Land provifions from thence, So neither can they find a markett for the produce of their Colony but with vs. It's therefore for his Ma^{ties} Seruice that the profecution againft their Charter be purfued to effect: His Excellence has taken care to Settle Civill & Military Officers thro' the whole Gom^t and makes it his bufines to putt perfons well qualified in places of truft.

I haue humbly tranfmitted to the Lords of y^e Committee the proceedings of y^e Councill, and fhall in all duty attend their Lordf^{ps} commands, and what euer for want of able men to affift me in my Station is omitted fhall be plentifully Supplied by my Continued zeal to Serue his Ma^{tie}. I humbly intreat your Lordf^{ps} favour, & remain your Lordf^{ps} moft obedient Serv^t

EDRANDOLPH.

[*Addressed*] To the Right Hon^{ble} the Earl
of Sunderland Lord Prefident
of his Ma^{ties} moft Hon^{ble}
Councill:

at White Hall.

Humbly prefent.

[*Endorfed*] N: England. 25 Mar. 87.
From M^r Randolph to
my L^d. Prefidⁿ.
Rec^d. 17 May 87.

LEASE

LEASE OF THE SECRETARYS OFFICE FROM M^R RANDOLPH TO
M^R WEST.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (217).

This Indenture made the Third Day of May Anno Domini one Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty Seaven and in the Third year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord James the Second By the Grace of God of England Scotland and ffrance and Ireland King Defender of the ffaith, &c. Between Edward Randolph of Boston In New England Esq^r of the one part and John West of the same place Gent^r: of the other part Whereas Our Said Sovereign Lord King James the Second By His Certaine writing or Comiçon under His Royall Signett and Signe manuell bearing Date at Windfor the one and twentieth day of September, one thousand Six hundred and Eighty five, in the first year of His Reign hath given and Granted unto the Said Edward Randolph the Severall & Respective places and Offices of Secretary and Sole Register of His Ma^{ty}'s Territories and Dominion of New England And Him the Said Edward Randolph Secretary and Sole Register of the Said Territory and Dominion hath thereby made ordained and Constituted To Have Hold Exercise and enjoy the Said Places and Offices unto Him the Said Edward Randolph by himfelfe or His Deputy or Deputies During His Ma^{ty}'s pleasure Together wth all fees, Rights, priviledges, profitts, perquisits, and advantages to the Said places & Offices, or Either of them belonging or in any wise appertaining Or which Shall belong or in any wise appertaine in as full and
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ample manner to all intents and purposes As the Secretary and Register of His Ma^{ty}'s Islands of Jamaica or of any other His Plantations in America have had or doe now Receive or Enjoy as in and by the Said writing or Com^{is}sion Relating thereunto being had may more fully and at Large appear Now This Indenture Witneffeth That the Said Edward Randolph for & in Considera^{co}n of the Rent and Covenants herein after in these presents mentioned and Expressed Hath granted bargained sett and to ffarm Lett and by these presents Doth Grant bargain Sett and to farm Lett unto the said John West the Said severall and Respective places and Offices of Secretary and sole Register of His Said Ma^{ty}'s Territory and Dominion aforeaid, And Him the Said John west Secretary and Register of the Said Territory and Dominion Doth by these presents make and Depute To Have Hold Exerfise & Enjoy the said places & Offices unto Him y^e Said John West or His Assignes for and untill the full End and Tearme of ffoure years to Comence from the day of the date hereof and from thence fully to be Compleated and Ended In case the Said Edward Randolph shall soe long hold and keep the Said Offices Together wth all fees Rights privileges proffitts perquisits and advantages to the said places and Offices, Or Either of them belonging or in any wise appertaining in as full and ample manner as is mentioned and Expressed in y^e Com^{is}sion from His Ma^{ty} to the said Edward Randolph before Resited Rendering and paying And the Said John West doth for himfelfe His Execut^{rs} Administrators & assigns Covenant Grant and Agree To and with the Said Edward Randolph his Executors Administrators and assigns To Render and pay unto the Said Edward

Edward Randolph his Execut^{rs} Administrators & Assignes yearly and Every year During the Said Term or Soe Long time as He the said John West or His Assignes by vertue of these presents Shall hold and Enjoy the said Offices the Sūme of One Hundred and ffifty pounds Currant money by halfe yearly payments in Even and Equall portions And that in case the Rent aforementioned Reserved due & payable to the Said Edward Randolph shall not be by the said John West or His Assignes well and truly payd at the Severall days and times as the Same shall come Due and payable Or within thirty Dayes after Lawfull Demand being made thereof without any Defalcacō Or abatement whatsoever That then It Shall and may be Lawfull to and for the said Edward Randolph into the Said Offices and places to Enter and the Same to have again Exerfise & Enjoy any thing in these presents contained to the Contrary Notwithstanding And that He the Said John West & His Assignes Shall and will from time to time and at all times during the said Terme fully performe and Execute all things belonging to the Offices and places of Secretary and sole Register of the Territory and Dominion aforesaid And will not willfully Omit or doe any Act or Acts In the said Offices & places wher[by] the said Edward Randolph shall or may receive any Losse prejudice or Damage by His or their Omiffion or doing thereof And the Said Edward Randolph doth for himfelfe His Execut^{rs} and Administrators Covenant Grant and Agree to and with the Said John West His Execut^{rs} Administrators and Assignes That He the Said John West and His Assignes Shall and may from time to time and at all times During the Said Tearme of ffour years (In case He
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the Said Edward Randolph Shall Soe Long Keepe and Hold the said Office) Quietly and peaceably Have hold Exerfise and Enjoy the said places and Offices without any manner of Lett hinderance, Disturbance, molestation, interruption, or Contradiſtion of Him the Said Edward Randolph or any other perſon or perſons whatſoever by from or vnder Him and all Singular the ffees Rights priviledges profitts perquifits and advantages to the Said places and Offices or Either of them belonging Shall or may have & receive to His own proper uſe benefitt and behoofe without Rendering any accompt thereof or being in any manner of [or] wiſe accomptable unto the Said Edward Randolph His Execut^{rs} Adminiſtrators or Affignes, paying only the Annually Rent and ſumme of money beforementioned Reſerved In Witneſſe whereof the ſaid Parties to theſe preſents have hereunto interchangably Sett their hands and Seals the day and year firſt aboue written.

Sealed and Delivered
in the prefence of

THO: HINCKLEY
JOHN VSHER.

JOHN WEST
and ſeal.

[*Endorſed*] N. England. 3 May 87.
Leaſe of y^e Sec^{rys} Office from
M^r Randolph to M^r Weſt,
Rec^d 10 Oct. 87.

ACCOUNT

ACCOUNT OF PUBLICK WRITINGS ISSUED OUT OF THE SECRETARYES OFFICE OF HIS MA^{TIES} TERRITORYS & DOMINION OF NEW ENGLAND IN AMERICA SINCE DECEMB^R. Y^E 20TH 1686.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 332. 4 May 1687.

Commissions for the peace in parchment
under the Seal as followeth

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| Suffolk 1 | £1 | .. | .. |
| Middlesex 1. | £1 | .. | .. |
| Essex 1. | £1 | .. | .. |
| Plym th & Barnstable 1 | £1 | .. | .. |
| New Bristol 1 | £1 | .. | .. |
| Road Island, Narragansett 1. | £1 | .. | .. |
| County of Hampshire 1 | £1 | .. | .. |
| Province of Maine 1 | £1 | .. | .. |
| Pemaquid 1 | £1 | .. | .. |
| Province of New Hampshire 1. | £1 | .. | .. |
| Copying 5 Lawes passed the 8 th of March last by the Governor and Councill | £2 | .. | .. |
| Engrossing them in parchment | £5 | .. | .. |
| ffive laws passed under the seal of the Gov- ernm ^t sent to the Lords of the Councill | £2 | 10 | .. |
| Copies of the same sent to my Lord Sunder- land | £2 | .. | .. |
| Copies of all the Laws sent to y ^e Seuerall Countys & Provinces of the Government at 40 ^s each | £20 | 10 | .. |
| 240 Military Commissions at 5 ^{sh} a peece | £60 | .. | .. |
| 8 Dedimus Potestatem | £4 | .. | .. |
| | | | Copies |

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| Copyes of his Ex ^{les} Commiffion fent to New | | } | £ I | 10 | .. |
| Plym th Road Ifland and Connecticot | | | | | |
| 3 commiffions for Judges under y ^e Seal | | | £ I | 16 | .. |
| Copie of ye Law to my Lord Treafurer for | | } | £ .. | 15 | .. |
| continueing of Rates | | | | | |
| 20 copies of y ^e Ord ^r of Councill of March | | } | £ I | 10 | .. |
| y ^e 3 ^d | | | | | |
| 20 Copies of ye Ord ^r of Councill of March | | } | £ I | 10 | .. |
| y ^e 8 th | | | | | |
| 20 copies of ye order againft pedlers | | | £ I | 10 | .. |
| Seuerall difburfements by order of Councill as followeth | | | | | |
| ¹⁶⁸⁶ Dec. 22. | Paid to Rexby for carrying letters to New Bristol to be fent to Road Ifland to fummon y ^e members of the Councill | | | | 0. 10. 0 |
| 23 | to Symon Meffenger for carriing his Excellencyes letter to the Gov ^r of Connecticut | | | | 4. 15. 0 |
| 26 | to M ^r Maffey for carriing letters to Pif- cataqua: to fummon M ^r Hincks and M ^r Ting | | | | 1. 15. 0 |

ED. RANDOLPH Sec^{ry}.

R. TO BLATHWAIT. [EXTRACT]

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Fourth Series, Vol. VIII. p. 531.

May 21. 1687.

His Excell, has to do with a perverse people. Here is
none of the council at hand, Except Mr. Mafon, & myself, &
Mr.

Mr. B. & Mr. Usher, who appear lively for his Majesty's Interest.

Nothing has been wanting in his Excell., to bring all things to a good posture, both private & public. He Discharges the Duty of an Excellent Govern^r. But this people are Rivetted in their way, & I fear nothing but Necessity or Force will otherwise dispose them.

MR. RANDOLPH TO MR. POVEY.

Collection of Papers; by T. Hutchinson, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 296.

. Boston, May 21st 1687.

Sir,

I have with me your three letters of March the 7th. 11th and 7th April, by Mr. Mafon, for all which I heartily thank you, and for your particular direction in the several stages of my employ. I have very lately had the bonds of masters of ships bound from hence to England in my custody, and those are indorsed that copys thereof are sent for England; you shall not faile of the duplicates if this ship makes not too much speed, and for the future you may expect them with my other accounts of the custom-house; however I am to take it as a favour if I be permitted to send them directly to the custom-house, in regard I have been censured for suffering my papers but to look first into the plantation office, and the primier, there now, objected hard against me. Pardon my digression, you are sensible, how much business I have lying upon me, to send accounts and duplicates from my custom office. I am at 50 $\%$ a year charge to keep an able clerke. I cannot yet get any fees settled sufficient to pay that charge,

Mr. Stoughton, Mr. Wharton and others objecting that his Majesties salary for 100*l.* a year is to defrey all that charge, so that I am a great loser, besides I am to have deputies in our severall ports, and unless they allow fees I am not capable of doing that service at a distance without deputies, and their not allowing moderate fees is only to discourage from inspecting their irregular trade. This his excellency has endeavoured to have rectified, but is opposed by my enemies, to my very great losse, and prejudice to my deputies. Inclosed is such an account as I could get from Mr. Hooke, late treasurer in the province of Mayne. Mr. Danforth, tho' severall times putt upon it for an account, wholly declines it, and sayed he never received any money but it was all payd to Mr. Hooke, treasurer.

His excellency tryed all wayes to bring the people to quitt rents. There were severall who would take grantes for lands, but as it now falls out his excellency has none to Dispose of; a little time will trye what our new judges Dudley and Stoughton will say, when either Indian purchase or grantes from the generall court are questioned before them. Sir, you will much wonder to hear I have disposed of the secretaries office, for too inconsiderable a vallue, wheras it was judged worth 5 or 600*l.* I lost mony considerable, during the time I had it, one part the president ran away with, and it was not settled, tho' his excellency endeavoured it, but allwayes opposed, and whatever Mr. West can make of it, I could not get an able man to discharge it, but the whole trouble, care and charge lay upon me. I, some time after his excellencies arrivall, was directed to prepare Commissions, civill and military for the whole territory. I made 12
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in parchment for the peace, 240 military, copied and engrossed in parchment all the lawes, and disperfed copies through the whole government, yet they scrupled to allow me for writing them, these matters have so discouraged me that I thought it better to have some certainty than to leave all loose, and know no end to the charge. I hope long ere this you have received the minutes since his excellency's arrivall, since which nothing considerable has passed, only some lawes about regulating cornfields and cattle, coopers and casks, they stick hard upon that of possession as of a generall concerne and next to that, for a law for ministers maintenance, strongly opposed by the quakers. We have had but one meeting of the whole councill since passing those laws; that of the rates of pieces of eight does not answer the end, money grows very scarce and no trade to bring it in. The members of the Councill of Rhoad Island and New Plimouth have enough of Comeing to sett in councill, 8 or 10 dayes a time, at their own charge, and I now expect but very thin appearance for the future, in regard the tables are downe, but to the great dissatisfaction of our brethren.

Twill be for his Majestyes service to putt Mr. Shrimpton in the place of Capt. Champernoon and Mr. Lufcombe in the place of Mr. Jo. Sandford of Rhoad Island, both dead. Since Colonel Dongan had notice of his excellencies letter to the governor of Connecticut, he has sent his to tempt them to submit to New Yorke government, with assurance of the injoyment of their estates and properties, and that they shall all be continued in the government, with I know not what other great advantages. If Connecticut goe to New
Yorke,

Yorke, it will certainly evince that collony and this government cannot subsist without a free trade with Connecticut, which will be debarred if they are not annexed to us, or what's worse for us, to pay 10 per cent. for all wheat, porke &c. brought to us, which we cannot want.

Mr. Mason is very acceptable to his excellency and to many of us. . . . reports abroad that he has the better of Mr. Mason. Moody is out of humour, I believe he will be obliged to leave this town. I entreat you to send the inclosed as directed, and be assured that I am, Sir, your most humble obliged servant,

E. RANDOLPH.

Sir, you have herewith the duplicates of the laws sent by Capt. Ware.

To John Povey, Esq;

ORDER OF GOVERNOR ANDROS TO EDWARD RANDOLPH TO
SEIZE THE SHIP SAMUEL & THOMAS.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 367.

S^r Edmund Andros Kn^t Cap^t Generall, Governo^r in Cheife & Vice Admiral of his Ma^{ties} Territory & Dominion of New England To Edward Randolph Esq^r Collector Surveyor & Searcher of his Maj^{ties} Colonies in y^e Territory & Dominion afore^d Whereas Informa^{cion} is given unto me by Cap^t John George Command^r of his Maj^{ties} ffrigatt the Rose that there hath lately been received on board y^e Ship Samuell & Thomas whereof John Tebbitt is Command^r & from thence imported & landed within this his Ma^{ties} Territory & Dominion of New England Severall goods, Wares & Merchandizes
of

of y^e growth producon & manufacture of Europe which were not truly & bona fide shipped & loaden in England Wales or y^e towne of Berwick upon Tweed, Contrary to ye severall Laws act & Statutes in such cafes made & provided, These are therefore in his Ma^{ties} name to require & command yo^u that forthwith yo^u cause ye shipp with all her gunns, tackell, furniture Ammunition & Apparell to be seized & secured, that she may be further proceeded ag^t according to Law & for soe doing this shall be yo^r Warr^t Given und^r my hand & seale att Boston the 24th day of June 1687.

TO THE KINGS MOST EXCELLENT MA^{TIES}

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (311).

The Humble Petition of Edward Randolph (to be Secretary of all New England)¹²

Sheweth

That y^r Petn^r by his late especiall commands about twelue yeares since, entred vpon the managem^t of his Ma^{ties} publick affaires in New Eng^d and haueing in that tyme made nyne voyages to & from thence, and suffred all the Hardshipps and difficultyes a Treacherous and discontented poeple Could Contriue, hee obtaind a Judgm^t against the Govern^r and Company of the Maffachufetts Bay in New Eng^d and vpon vacating their Charter, That Colony together with the Kings Province the Provinces of Main & New Hampsheir were thereby brought vnder y^r Ma^{ties} immediate Government.

That y^r Ma^{tie} was there vpon Graciously pleased to appoint
y^r

¹² Different handwriting.

y^r Petn^r to be Secretary and Sole Register of those Provinces & that Colony: which were all that at that tyme was actually in y^r Ma^{ties} Dispose: the other Colonyes of Connecticut and Road Island having obtained Patents of Incorporation from his late Ma^{tie} were Independent Governm^{ts} and resolved to Stand & fall by those Charters.

That vpon y^r Petn^{rs} carriing y^r Ma^{ties} Royall Commiffion constitut^{ing} and appointing a President & Councill to take vpon them the Govern^t of that part of the Country then vnder y^r Ma^{ties} obedience vntill the two other Colonyes were by law or otherwise obliged to a Submiffion: Your Ma^{tie} was then pleased to Command y^r Petn^r to Serue two Writts of Quo Warranto vpon the severall Govern^{rs} & Companyes of the Colonyes of Road Island and Connecticut: which y^r Petn^r has so effectually performed, That y^r whole Plantation of New Eng^d hauing for nigh fixty yeares been devided into many Petty Governm^{ts} is now vnited and a Larg and Advantageous Dominion added thereby to y^r Ma^{ties} Imperiall Crown.

Now for as much as y^r Ma^{tie} in y^r Princely Wisdome hath been pleased to appoint One Generall Gou^r to preside & govern that whole Plantation, and y^r Petn^r to the great obstruction of all publick affaires cannot by y^r Ma^{ties} Grant Officiate as Secretary in y^e Colonyes of Road Island & Connecticut vnlesse by your Ma^{ties} New Commiffion he be impowred there vnto

your Petn^r humbly prayes y^r Ma^{tie} to take the Premiffes into your Royall Consideration, and as a farther mark of y^r Ma^{ties} Grace & Bounty to Grant him a Commiffion to bee Secretary and Sole Register of y^r Ma^{ties}

Ma^{ties} Territory & Dōminion of New England as now
vnited and Setled (like as is Granted to y^e Register
of y^r Ma^{ties} other forain Plantations :) Your Petn^r
hauing by y^r Ma^{ties} Royall favour been Eminently
Seruiceable in Bringing that whole Country to an
intire dependance vpon the Crown:

and y^r Petn^r Shall ever pray etc :

EDRANDOLPH:

from Boston in New Eng^d

Aug^t. y^e 9th 1687.

[*Endorsed*] 9 Aug. 1687.

M^r Randolph's Petition

to be Sec^{ry} of all N : England.

DECLARATION OF INDULGENCE TO BE PUBLISHED IN NEW
ENGLAND BY S^R EDM. ANDROS.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 61, p. 341.

Memorandum.

On the 28th day of May 1687, Their Lo^{ps} at y^e Councill
at Hampton Court, signe a Circular Letter to S^r Edmund
Andros, requiring him to Cause His Ma^{ty}s Declaration for
Liberty of Conscience and Indulgence in Religious Matters,
to be published in New England, And to be observed and
put in Execution there; And that where Pardons shall be
desired in Cafes relating thereunto, he grant the Same under
His Ma^{ty}s Seal for that Plantation.

Signed

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| JEFFREYS C. | H. ARUNDELL C. P. R. | BATHE |
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THE REVOLUTION IN NEW ENGLAND JUSTIFIED BY EDWARD RAWSON AND SAMUEL SEWALL CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM A LETTER OF EDWARD RANDOLPH WRITTEN TO MR. POVEY DATED AUGUST THE 25TH, 1687:

Andros Tracts, Prince Society, Vol. I. p. 113.

"I believe all the Inhabitants in *Boston* will be forced to take Grants and Confirmations of their Lands, as now intended;¹³ the Inhabitants of the Province of *Maine* which will bring in *vast profits to Mr. West*, he taking what Fees he pleases to demand. I shall always have a due Honour and Respect for his Excellency, but I must buy his Favour at three or four hundred pounds a year loss."

ACCOUNT OF ARTICLES FROM SHIP JOHANNA UNDER SEIZURE DELIVERED BY EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 75.

Portsmouth

Sept y^e 5 : 1687

Be it remembered that I then delivered 8 small iron Gunns with their carriages together with all y^e yards & topmasts which did belong to the Ship Johanna of Portsmouth Phillip Severett Master unto M^r Butler sent by Collonell

¹³ The claim made that the ownership of the entire soil of Massachusetts was vested in the Sovereign by the vacating of the Charter was similar to the declaration made by Wentworth in Ireland in 1635 that "the King had a clear and undoubted title to the whole of Con-

naught . . . if they [the inhabitants] ventured to refuse to acknowledge the King's title, they would do so at their peril." See *The Personal Government of Charles I.*, by Samuel Rawson Gardiner, Vol. II. pp. 153, 154, ed. 1877.

Collonell Dongan to receive the said ship and furniture, who then accordingly took possession of them in the presence of Arthur Hoddy and James fflood: E. R.

Portsmouth

Sept. y^e 7th 1687

Be it likewise be remembered that I then went to the Ship Johanna lying moored at Mr. Cutts wharfe and caused the Ship to be cleared of William Harper who pretended to be aboard the Ship to keep possession for Mr. Severtt and the Ship then hauing no person aboard. I tendred to M^r Butler & desired him to take her into his possession, but he absolutely refused in the presence of George Jeffryes Master & Arthur Hoddy:

W^m GLANVILE'S LETTER OF ATTORNEY TO EDWARD
RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 65.

Know all men by these p^rsents that W^m Glanvile of Boston within his Maj^{ty}s Territory & dominion of New England in America hath made Ordayned Constituted & Apointed Edward Randolph Esq. of the same place his true & Lawfull Attorney to ask demand & receive of W^m Hooke of Kittery in the province of Newhampshire all such sume or sumes of money as is due to the said W^m Glanvile and for non payment thereof to arrest attach sue implead and imprison him the sd W^m Hooke his Execut^{rs} or Administrators for such sume or Sumes of money as aforesaid or any part thereof and upon Receipt and payment thereof him the sd W^m Hooke

Hooke his Execut^{rs} or Administrators out of Pryson to deliver: & Release or other Sufficient discharge to & for the same, In witnesse whereof him the sd W^m Glanvile have hereunto sett his hand & seale this one & thirtyeth day of August 1687

W. GLANVILE

1 Sept. 1687

there apered before me

ye above said W^m Glanvile

& acknowledged this to be

his Act & Deed

JN^o USHER.

LETTER FROM ANDROS; TOWNS REFUSE TO PAY TAXES.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 109, p. 118.

At the Committee for Trade & Plantations

In the Council-Chamber at Whitehall

Thursday the 1st of Dec: 1687.

Present: Lord President, Marquis of Powis, Earl of Peterborow, Earl of Craven, Earl of Castlemain, Earl of Middleton, Lord Visco^t Preston.

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 . . . A letter from S^r Edmund Andros to the Committee dated the 28th of September last read, giving their Lo^{ps} an account that severall of the Towns in the County of Effex had refused to make their Affessments or Rates, some of them having Voted very factiously, vpon which severall of the Cheif Incendiaries had been committed, and others bound over; to Answer at the next Superior Court, or to bee Tryed at a special Court to bee held at Boston.

New England

S^r Edm:
Andros letter 28
Sept.

A Riot at
abt Assesments.

PETITION

PETITION OF EDWARD RANDOLPH FOR NAHANT NECK.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 172. [1 October 1687.]

To his Excellency S^r Edmond Andros Kn^t Govenor &c.

The humble petition of Edw: Randolph that there is a certaine tract of land nigh the Towne ship of Linn in the County of Effex in this his mat^{ys} Territory and Dominion out of fence & undivided, Containeing about five hundred acres, commonly called Nahant Neck for which your Petitioner humbly prays his ma^{tys} grant and that your Excellence would please to issue a Warrant to the Surveyor Generall to admeasure the fame in order to passing a patent, he paying such moderate Quitt Rent as y^r Excellence shall please direct for the fame

and yr peti^r. etc.

E. RANDOLPH

PROCEEDINGS AG^t WISE AND OTHERS OF IPSWICH FOR
MISDEMEANORS.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (243). Oct. 1687.

At a Court held in Boston in the County of Suffolke in the Dominion of New England by an Especiall Comiçon of Oyer & Terminer &c the third day of October being Munday in y^e third year of y^e Reigne of our Soueraigne Lord James y^e Second King of England &c before Joseph Dudley Esq^r &c. & from thence by adjourn^t Continued till Munday y^e 24th of y^e fame month when it was dissolved.

Memorandum,

New Engl. Memorandum, That on the third day of October in the third yeare of Our Lord the King aboveſd before the Juſtices of Our ſaid Lord the King at Boſton came — George ffarewell Gent^t who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King in this behalfe ſued and brought here into the Court of Our ſaid Lord the King A Certaine informaçon againſt John Wiſe of Chebaco within the Towneſhip of Ipſwich in the County Of Effex Miniſter Jn^o Appletoune of Ipſwich aforeſaid Gent^t Jn^o Andrews of the ſame place Yeoman Thomas ffrench of the ſame place Taylor Robert Kinsman of the ſame place Yeoman And William Goodhue of the ſame place Yeoman of a plea of High Miſdemeanour & John Doe & Richard Roe are pledges of proſecuçon which ſaid Informaçon followeth in theſe words ff: New England ff: George ffarewell Gent^t who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King in this behalfe proſecutes Comes here into Court in pper prſon and on the behalfe of Our ſaid Lord the King Gives the Court here to underſtand and be informed That Whereas John Viſher Eſquire Treafurer & Receiver Generall of Our ſaid Lord the King within this his Territory & Dominion of New England the twentyeth day of July in the Yeare of Our Lord the King aboveſd Purſueant to the Laws & practice of the ſaid Dominion & by Vertue of A Certaine Act Lately made by his Excellency S^r Edmund Androfs Knight his ſd Mātyes Govern^r of his ſaid Dominion and his Councill lately publiſhed Entituled An Act for the Continueing & Eſtabliſhing of Certaine Rates Dutyes & Impoſts did Iſſue forth a Certaine warrant under his hand and ſeale directed to the Conſtable & ſelect men of The Towne of Ipſwich in the County of Effex within his ſaid Majeſties Territory

Territory & Dominion of New England requiring the Constables of the said Towne forthwith upon receipt thereof to Call together the Inhabitants of the said Towne who were to Choose One amongst themselves to be A Comiçoner And that such Comiçoner so chosen together with the select men of Ipswich aforeſd ſhould ſome time in the month of Auguſt Then next Enſueing make a Liſt of all the male perſons in the ſaid Towne from ſixteene yeares of Age and upwards And A true Eſtimaçon of all Reall & perſonall Eſtates in ſuch manner & forme as in the ſaid Act is particularly Directed all which pſons & Eſtates were by the ſaid Comiçoner & the ſaid ſelect men to be aſſeſſed and Rated as followeth Viz: Every ſuch pſon as Aforeſaid (Except the members of his Majeſtyes Councill) One ſhill Eight pence p head and all Eſtates Reall and pſonall at One penny p Every twenty ſhill According to the Rates of Cattle &c. in the ſaid Act mençoned & the ſd Comiçoner Was thereby likewise required upon the firſt wedneſday in the month of September then next following to meet and Aſſemble with the other Comiçoners of the ſaid County at their Shire or County Towne & bring with them fairly written the juſt number of males liſted as aforeſaid and the aſſeſſment of Eſtates made in the ſaid Towne where the Comiçoners being ſo aſſembled ſhould duely and carefully Examine the liſts and Aſſeſſments & Correçt & perfect them According to the true intent of the ſaid Act And the ſame perfected the ſd Comiçoners were ſpeedily to tranſmitt to his ſaid Majeſtyes Treafurer & Receiver Gen^{ll} under their hands or the hands of the Major part of them And Whereas the ſaid Warrant at Ipswich in the ſaid County afterwards (that is to ſay) the fifteenth day
of

of August in the yeare of the King aboveſd was Delivered to John Harris One of the Conſtables of the ſaid Towne of Ipſwich Nevertheleſſe John Wiſe of Chebaco within the Townſhip of Ipſwich aforeſaid in the County Aforeſaid Miniſter John Appletoune of Ipſwich aforeſaid Gent^t John Andrews of the ſame place Yeoman Thomas ffrench of the ſame place Tailor Robert Kinfman of the ſame place Yeoman and William Goodhue of the ſame place Yeoman with divers other evill diſpoſed & Diſaffected perſons to the ſaid George ffarewell unknown nothing ignorant of the p^rmiſſes but Contriving and malitiouſly & ſeditiouſly intending the Laws Goverment and Authority of Our ſaid Lord the King of his ſaid Territory and Dominion of New England into hatred diſgrace & Contempt to bring and the hearts and affectiones of his ſaid Majeſties Liedge people from their Alledgiance & Obedience to Our ſaid Lord the King due to alienate Eſtrange & withdraw the two & twentyeth day of August in the third yeare of the Reigne of Our ſaid Lord the King that now is and divers Other dayes & times before at Ipſwich aforeſaid (to witt At Boſton in the County of Suffolke) with force and armes &c: factiouſly unlawfully maliciouſly and ſeditiouſly did Aſſemble & meet together and then and there Did Conſpire & Endeavour to make the ſubjects of our ſaid Lord the King of his Territory and Dominion of New England aforeſd to beleive and be perſwaded that they were not Obliedged to obey or Obſerve the Laws or Actſ Made by his ſaid Excellency S^r Edmund Androſ Knight his ſd Majeſties Govern^r here and his Councill for the Government of his ſaid Majeſties Territory and Dominion aforeſaid or the ſaid Warrant ſo iſſued by the ſaid

faid Treafurer as aforeſd thereunto purſueant and to perfect and bring to paſſe ſuch their factious unlawfull ſeditious & malitious Contriveances & conſpiracyes aforeſd they the faid John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Rob^t Kinfman and William Goodhue with divers Other Evill minded and difaffected perſons as aforeſd at Ipſwich aforeſaid (to witt at Boſton aforeſd) the three and twentyeth day of Auguſt in the third yeare of Our Lord the King aforeſd being mett & aſſembled together he the faid John Wiſe Did openly & publickly factiouſly maliciously and ſeditiouſly ſay publiſh and declair in the preſence and hearing of Them the faid John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinfman & William Goodhue and divers other evill minded and difaffected perſons That the faid Warrant ſo by the faid Treafurer iſſued as aforeſaid was not Legall & to Obey and Comply with the ſame were to loſe the liberty of ffreeborne Engliſh men And he the faid John Wiſe did likewise then and there Excite and ſtirr up the people To be wiſe and Conſider before they acted any thing which might be to their prejudice And that they Ought to have an Aſſembly before they payd any Rates contrary to and in Contempt of the Laws of his ſd Majeſtyes Government and the faid Warrant of the faid Treafurer And to perſwade others the ſubjects of Our ſaid Lord the King to beleive the aforeſaid ſpeeches of the faid John Wiſe To be true They the faid John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinfman & William Goodhue with ſeverall other evill minded & difaffected perſons the faid three and twentyeth day of Auguſt aforeſd At Ipſwich aforeſaid (to witt at Boſton aforeſd) Did adviſedly &

& maliciously Draw up and make or Cause to be drawne up and made A certaine factious seditious & malicious writeing Declaraçon or Vote in these Words Viz^t At A Legall Towne meeting August the twenty third One Thousand six hundred Eighty seven assembled by vertue of An Order from John Vsher Esq^r Treasurer for choosng A Comiçoner to joyne with the Select men to asseffe the Inhabitants according to an Act of his s^d Excellency the Govern^r & Councill for Levying of Rates the Towne then considering that the said Act doth infringe their Liberty as ffree Borne English Subjects of his Majesty by interfearing with the statute laws of the Land by which it was Enacted that no taxes should be levyed on the subjects without consent of an Assembly chosen by the ffreeholders for asseffing of the same they do therefor Vote That they are not willing to Choose A Comiçoner for such an end without said priviledges & moreover consent not that the select men do Proceed to lay any such Rate untill it be appointed by A Generall Assembly Concurring with the Govern^r and Councill Voted by the whole Assembly twice. Which s^d writing the s^d John Wise John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinsman & William Goodhue did then and there cause to be openly read and published And the said John Appletoune — Pretending himfelfe to be Towne Clerke of Ipswich aforesaid did then and There write and Enter the said writeing Declaraçon & Vote into the Towne Book and maliciously and designedly did Give out Publish and disperse severall Copyes thereof by meanes whereof severall Others his said Majestyes subjects were ledd aside seduced & brought from their duty & allegiance to the great scandall

dall ſcorne & contempt of the Government of Our ſaid Lord the King of his Territory and Dominion of New England aforeſd To the Evill Example of all Others in the like caſe offending and againſt the peace of Our ſaid Lord the King his Crowne and Dignity &c: And hereupon comānd was Given to the Sherriffe of the County of Suffolke that he ſhould forthwith bring here into the Court of our ſaid Lord the King the ſd John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinsman and William Goodhue in their Propper perſons to hear and Anſwer to the ſaid informaçon and they were brought and aſked the hearing of the ſaid Informaçon and it was Read to them And the ſaid John Wiſe ſaid that he was not Guilty of the High Miſdemeanour aboveſd in manner & forme as the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Sovereaigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe Vpon the Countrey And the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Sovereaigne Lord the King &c: in like manner And the ſd John Appletoune ſaid that he was not Guilty of the high miſdemeanour aboveſd in manner & forme as the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Sovereaigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who ffor Our Sovereaigne Lord the King &c: in like manner And the ſaid John Andrews ſaid that he was not Guilty of the High Miſdemeanour abovesaid in manner & forme as the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Sovereaigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Sovereaigne Lord the King &c: in like Manner

And the said Thomas ffrench said that he was not Guilty of the high misdemeanour aboveſd in manner and forme as the said George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: in like manner And the ſd Robert Kinfman said that he Was not Guilty of the High misdemeanour aboveſaid in manner & form as the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed and of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: in like manner And the ſd William Goodhue said that he was not Guilty of the high misdemeanour aboveſd in Manner & forme as the said George ffarewell who for our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him hath informed And of that he put himſelfe upon the Countrey And the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: in like manner Therefore Comānd was [given?] to the Sherriffe that he ſhould forthwith cauſe to come here into the Court of Our ſaid Lord the King twelve honeſt & Lawfull men &c: By whom &c: And who neither &c: to take Knowledge &c: becauſe aſwell &c: And the Jurors thereupon impannelled (to witt) William White late of Boſton Merchant Anthony Howard late of the ſame place Merchant Samuel Ravenscraft late of the ſame place Merchant Peter Bowden late of the ſame place Gentl James Lloyd late of the ſame place Merchant — Stephen Wefendonck late of the ſame place Merchant — William Browne Late of the ſame place Merchant Samuel Proctor

Proctor late of the same place Merchant John ffoy late of the same place Merchant Edward Perry late of the same place Merchant Benjamin Davis late of the same place Merchant and Richard Harris late of the same place Merchant came into the Court of our said Lord the King Who to say the truth of the p'misses being chosen tryed and sworne upon their Oaths said that the said John Wife was Guilty of the high Misdemeanour abovesaid in manner & forme As the said George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: above against him had informed And the sd Jurors so as aforesd chosen tyred and sworne upon their Oaths likewise said that the said John Appletoune was Guilty of the high misdemeanour abovesd in manner and forme as the sd George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: above against him had informed And the said Jurors so as aforesaid Chosen tryed and sworne upon their Oaths likewise said that the sd John Andrews was Guilty of the High misdemeanour abovesd in manner and forme as the said George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: above against him had informed And the sd Jurors so as aforesd Chosen Tryed and sworne upon their Oaths likewise said that the sd Thomas ffrench was Guilty of the High Misdemeanour abovesd in manner & forme as the sd George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: above against him had informed And the sd Jurors so as aforesd Chosen tryed and sworne upon their Oaths likewise said that the sd Robert Kinsman was guilty of the high misdemeanour abovesaid in manner And forme as the said George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: above against him had informed And
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the ſaid Jurors ſo as aforeſd Chofen tryed and ſworne upon their Oaths likewiſe ſaid That the ſaid William Goodhue was Guilty of the high miſdemeanour aforeſd in manner and forme As the ſd George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: above againſt him had informed Whereupon Comānd Was to the Sherriffe of the ſaid County of Suffolke That he ſhould take into his Cuſtody the Bodyes of the ſaid John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinfman & William Goodhue And Becauſe the Juſtices of Our ſaid Lord the King have not yet adviſed themſelves what judgement to Give upon the p^rmiſſes therefore further day was Given untill munday the four and twentyeth day of October iſtant At which day before the ſaid Juſtices of our ſaid Lord the King at Boſton aforeſd Came the ſaid George ffarewell who for Our Sovereigne Lord the King &c: and Demanded judgement againſt the ſd John Wiſe John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinfman & William Goodhue And they were brought to hear the Judgement of the Court on the p^rmiſſes And thereupon it was Conſidered that the ſaid John Wiſe be ſuſpended from the publick and Private Miniſtry within his Maſteyes Territory and Dominion of New England during the pleaſure of his Excellency his ſaid Maſteyes Govern^r there for the time being Pay fifty pounds Currant money of New England as a fine to Our ſaid Lord the King Give ſufficient ſurety in One thouſand pounds like money for his good behaviour towards Our ſaid Lord the King and all his Liedge people during one yeare next pay the Coſts of his Proſecution And till this be performed that he Remaine in the Cuſtody of the Sherriffe &c: And it was Conſidered
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of the said John Appletoune that he be incapable of Receiving any publique Office within his Majestyes Territory & Dominion of New England during the Pleasure of his Excellency his said Majestyes Govern^r there for the time being pay fifty pounds Currant money Of New England As a fine to Our said Lord the King Give Sufficient surety in One thousand pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our said Lord the King and all his Liedge people during One yeare next pay the Cofts of his profecution and till this be performed that he remaine in the Custody of the Sherriffe &c: And it was Considered of the said John Andrews that he be incapable Of Receiving any publique Office within his Majestyes Territory and Dominion of New England During the pleasure of his Excellency his said Majestyes Govern^r there for the time being pay thirty pounds Currant money of New England as a fine to Our said Lord the King Give sufficient surety in five hundred pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our said Lord the King and all his Liedge people during One yeare next pay the Cofts of his profecution and till this be performed that he remaine in the Custody of the Sherriffe &c: And it was Considered of the said Thomas ffrench that he be incapable of Receiving any publique office within his Majestyes Territory & Dominion of New England During the pleasure of his Excellency his said Majestyes Govern^r there for the time being pay fiftene pounds Currant money of New England As a fine to Our said Lord the King Give sufficient surety in five hundred pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our said Lord the King and all his Liedge people during One yeare next pay the Cofts of his profecution and till this be performed

performed that he Remaine in the Custody of the Sherriffe &c: And it is Considered of the said Robert Kinsman that he be incapable of Receiving any Publique Office within his Majestyes Territory and Dominion of New England During the pleasure of his Excellency his s^d Majestyes Governour there for the time being pay twenty pounds Currant money of New England as a fine to Our said Lord the King Give sufficient surety in five hundred pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our s^d Lord the King and all his Liedge People During One yeare next pay The Costs of his prosecution and till this be performed that he Remaine in the Custody of the Sherriffe &c: And it was Considered of the said William Goodhue that he be incapable of Receiving any publique Office within his Majestyes Territory & Dominion of New England During the pleasure of his Excellency his said Majestyes Govern^r there for the time being pay twenty pounds Currant money of New England As a fine to Our said Lord The King Give sufficient surety in five hundred pounds like money for his Good behaviour towards Our said Lord the King and all his Liedge people during One yeare next pay the Costs of his Prosecution and till this be performed that he Remaine in the Custody of the Sherriffe &c: And the said John Wise John Appletoune John Andrews Thomas ffrench Robert Kinsman and William Goodhue are in mercy, &c.

[*Endorsed*]

N : Engl^d Oct : 1687
 Proceedings agt^t Wise & others
 of Ipswich for Misdemean.
 Rec^d 18 Jan : 87.

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THE STATE OF HIS MA^{TIES} REVENUE IN NEW ENGLAND.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (213). 10 Oct. 1687.

The Revenue rises by Customs Imposts Excise and Country
Rate.

| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|------|----|-----|
| The Excise was by the President and Council farmed for One yeare Ending the 12 th of June past att | 450 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Dureing the Presidents time one third of the Customs and Imposts was abated for money as was Costomary w ^{ch} some time after the Governors Arrivall was altred and only Twelve p Cent allowed for Leakage and after that Manner Collected the Customs and Impost for one full yeare amounted to | 1346 | 4 | 7 | | | |
| Off which one thousand and Forty two Pounds was disposed of by the President and Council | | | | 2466 | 4 | 7 |
| The Country rate at one peny p Pound amounted the last yeare to about one thou- sand Two hundred Seventy and three Pounds but the Same being in Country Pay one third was allowed to reduce it to money as Costomery and with other Charges will bring it in money to about | 670 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| But by the Present Act no abatment being to be made Suppose may amount to about 1200£ Pound w ^{ch} is more | 530 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| The ffarme of the Excise being out & now mañaged by Commiffion will probally amount to £1000 p Anñ or upwards is more | 600 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 1380 | 0 | 0 |
| There being no abatment upon Customs and Imposts but twelve p Cent Leackage Suppose may amount to Sixteen hundred pounds which is more by about | 250 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | | 3846 | 4 | 7 |
| | | | | | | All |

All which will be ~~farre~~ Short of the Necceffary Charge of the
Government.

Therefore as the Eafiest and beft way to Advance the Same
Its Propofed

That the Impoft of Wines from Ten Shillings thirteen
Shillings four pence and Twenty fhillings p Pipe as now
Paid be made Equall for all Sorts and raifed to Thirty fhil-
lings p Pipe.

That y^e Excife upon all Wines retailed be raifed from
ffifty Shillings p Pipe to One Shilling p Gallon and all
Brandy Rum and Strong Waters retailed from Eight pence
p Gallon to One Shilling.

That the Excife of all Beere Ale and Syder retailed be
raifed from one Shilling three pence to Two Shillings Six
pence p Barrell

And whereas the peny rate by reafon of the Greate Dif-
proportion in the prizes and Vallue of Horfes Cattle Sheep
Corne &c: in the Severall parts is both unequall and Con-
trary to the Ufage in Severall places pticularly in the Dif-
tant Collonys and Provinces now annexed and Occafions
Greate truble and Expence to Gather and bring to the
Treasury; —

If His Ma^{tie} would Pleafe in Stead thereof for the future to
Order a Certaine Sume or Authorize the Councill there to
do it for foe much as fhall be wanting yearly to defray the
Charge of the Government (after the Customs Impofts and
Excife paid as aforefaid) by Equall Shaers and portions on
the Severall Countyes and Townes leaving the manner of
Affefing the fame to the Inhabitants According to former
Ufuage

Ufuage The Same will be farr Easier and more Certaine to His Ma^{tie}

The Charge of the Government

| | £. | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|
| Two Companyes of Souldiers in his Maties Pay as by Eftablifhment | 2065 | 05 | 10 |
| Chaplin Ma ^r Gunner and Armorer | 212 | 18 | 4 |
| Two Gunners for Boston fforthill South and North Battrey at 12 ^d . each p Diem | 36 | 10 | 0 |
| A Commoffary and Store Keeper neceffary wanted at 4 ^s p Diem | 73 | 00 | 0 |
| The Ma ^r Gunner at the Caſtle on Caſtle Iſland at 2 ^s p Diem | 36 | 10 | 0 |
| One Gunner for the Caſtle and Battrey on Caſtle Iſland | 18 | 5 | 0 |
| A Gunner at Piſcattaway at 12 ^d p Diem | 18 | 5 | 0 |
| A Gunner at Pemaquid at 12 ^d p Diem | 18 | 5 | 0 |
| The Cheife Judge | 150 | 0 | 0 |
| Two other Judges | 240 | 0 | 0 |
| The Treafurer at 1 ^s p Pound is for the laſt yeare | 122 | 6 | 0 |
| The Receiver of the Customs and Impoſt at 2 ^s p pound is for the laſt yeare | 134 | 12 | 0 |
| The Severall Officers in the Out ports (viz) Salem Piſcattaway Briſtoll and Road Iſland | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| For the Collecting the Excife at preſent are Employed Two Collectors and three Survayers and Gagers the Charge whereof may be about | 200 | 0 | 0 |
| Fire and Candle for the Souldiers and Guards | — | — | — |
| Reparations or New ffortifications and other Incidentall Charges | — | — | — |
| The Governours Sallary | — | — | — |

[*Endorſed*] The State of His Maties Revenue in N. England Anⁿ 1687.
Rec^d 10 Oct: 1687. Read at y^e Com^{tee} 31 Oct: 1687.

A SHORT NARRATIVE OF MY PROCEEDINGS AND SEVERAL VOYAGES TO AND FROM N. ENGLAND TO WHITEHALL DURING THE TIME OF MY MANNAGEING HIS MAJ^{TIES} AFFAIRES IN N. ENGLAND, HUMBLY PRESENTED BY EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. pp. 218-220.

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Mar. 20th I recd his Maj^{ties} Letters to the Govern^r and Compā of y^e Massachusets Bay in New England to attend at Whitehall and answer y^e complaints brought ag^t them by Mr. Maſon and Mr. Gorges.
- ¹⁶⁷⁶
June 10. I arrived in N. England and ~~ded~~ his Maj^{ties} Letters to y^e Govern^r and Council then fitting at Boſton.
- July 30. I embarked myself for England.
- Sept. 10. I landed at Dover and preſented the Rt. Hon^{ble} y^e L^{ds} of y^e Co^mitee for trade wth a Narrative of y^e Eſtate of their Countrey and Government, and exhibited articles of high miſdemeanour ag^t y^e Governo^r and Compā.
- ¹⁶⁷⁸
Decem^r 20 Two agents arrived in England from Boſton to make their defence. I attended two years and made good my charge ag^t the Govern^r and Compā at y^e Councel Chamber. The agents confeſs the fact, pray his Maj^{ties} pardon, and acknowledge his Maj^{ties} right to y^e Governm^t of the Province of New Hampſhire.
- ¹⁶⁷⁹
Sept. 10. The Boſton agents have leave to returne and new agents to be ſent wth full power.
- Octobr 23. I was commanded to go for N. England by way of N. York to carry over his Maj^{ties} Commiſſion of Governm^t

Governm^t directed to a President and Council in New Hampshire.

29. I shipped all my goods and household stuff of a considerable value upon a vessel belonging to N. England and are all lost at sea, together wth his late Maj^{ties} picture and Royal Armes sent to N. Hampshire.
- Decem^r 7. I arrived to N. York and travelled by land from thence to New Hampshire in y^e winter, nigh four hundred miles.
27. I arrived at N. Hampshire and after great Opposition made by y^e Bostoners, settled his [Majesty's] Government in that Province.
- Janry. 15. His Maj^{ties} Governm^t declared and owned in y^e Province of New Hampshire.
28. I returned from N. Hampshire to Boston impowered by the Com^{rs} of his Maj^{ties} Customs to prevent y^e Irregular trade. I seized several of their vessels wth their Loading.
- 1680 His Maj^{ties} authority and y^e Acts of Trade disowned openly in their Courts and I was cast in all these causes and damage given ag^t his Maj^{ty}.
- [1680-1]
March 15. Having complained hereof I returned to England and obtained his Maj^{ties} Letters Pattents to be Coll^r &c. of his Maj^{ties} Customs in New England.
- 1681
May 20 The Rt. Hon^{ble} y^e Lords of y^e Co^mitee for trade report to his Maj^{ty} that in considera^on of my good service I ought to have a hundred pounds annually added to my former Sallary of one hundred p^ds but his Maj^{ties} service requireing my
speedy

speedy returne to N. England I was dispatched away and that addition not fetled.

Decem^r 17. I arrived again at Boston in N. England wth his Maj^{ties} Com^{is}sion appointing me Coll^r &c. but that Com^{is}sion is opposed, being looked upon as an encroachm^t on their Charter.

Mar. 10. A law Revived by y^e Asssembly to try me for my life and for acting by his Maj^{ties} Comm^{is}sion before it was allowed by them.

1682. His Maj^{ties} Comm^{is}sion not allowed to be read openly in Courts. My Deputies and under officers imprisoned for acting by virtue of his Maj^{ties} Com^{is}sion.

Augt. 20. Other agents from Boston arrived in England.

Septr. 20 Boston agents appearing are directed to procure larger Powers.

Decem^r 20. I Rēcd orders from y^e Lords of y^e Com^{it}tee to returne to England to prosecute a Quo Warranto ag^t y^e Boston Charter.

1683
May 28. I arrived in England.

June 13. I was ordered to attend M^r Attorney Gen^l wth proofs of y^e charge ag^t y^e Boston Governm^t.

July 20. Ordered a Quo Warranto be brought ag^t Boston Charter.

Octobr 17[26]. I arrived in N. England served y^e Quo Warranto, published and disperfed two hundred of his Maj^{ties} Declara^{ti}ons.

Decem^r 14. I Imbarked myself for England, had a dangerous voyage, the vessel wrecked at sea, both her sides carried away in a storm, and my goods lost.

- [1684]
Feb'y. 14. I arrived at Plymouth and was commanded to attend and prosecute y^e Boston Charter.
- ¹⁶⁸⁴
Octobr 23. Judgm^t was entered up for his Maj^{ties} ag^t y^e Boston Charter.
- Decem^r 20. I was ordered to prepare articles ag^t y^e two colonies of Rhode Island and Connetticott.
- ¹⁶⁸⁵
July 15. The Attorney Gen^l ordered to issue out writs of Quo Warranto ag^t y^e Collony of Rhode Island, Connetticott &c. and against y^e several Proprietors of Maryland, Pensilvania and East and West Jarfey.
- Aug^t 15. I was directed to serve y^e Quo Warranto upon my L^d Baltimore, Proprietor of Maryland, and y^e Proprietor[s] of East and West Jarfey, and to serve y^e two writts upon y^e Colonies of R. Island and Connetticott, all w^{ch} I duely pformed.
- [1686]
Jan'y 20. I and my family Imbarked upon y^e Rose ffriggot for N. Eng^d.
- ¹⁶⁸⁶
May 14. I arrived at Boston wth his Maj^{ties} Com^{mission} of Govern^{mt} to a President and Council.
Then the Colony of y^e Maffachufets Bay, y^e Province of New Hampshire and Maine are brought under his Maj^{ties} Govern^{mt}.
- May 30. I served y^e writ of Quo Warranto upon the Govern^r and Compā of Rhode Island.
- June 12. I made a second journey to Rhode Island to receive y^e Gen^l Court's Answer.
- July 12. I served y^e writ of Quo Warranto upon y^e Govern^r and Compā of Connetticott above one hundred and fifty miles distant from Boston.

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The Govern^t and Compā of Rhode Island humbly submit to his Maj^{tie} and are by his Maj^{ties} spe^{tl} order to his Excell^{cy} S^r Edmond Andros, Kn^t united to this Governm^t.

Decem^r 28. I rec'd a second writ of Quo Warranto ag^t Connetticott and was ordered to serve it.

Decem^r 30. A second writt upon y^e Governm^t of Connetticott is served upon y^e Governm^t. They make their humble submission of themselves and Governm^t to his Maj^{tie}.

^{1687.}
Octobr 25. His Excell^{cy} goes to Hartford y^e chiefe town in Connetticott and erects his Maj^{ties} Governm^t there, so y^t now y^e severall Colonies are united under his Maj^{ties} Immediate Governm^t and authority vizt: the Massachusets, New Plymouth, Connetticott, Rhode Island, and y^e Provinces of N. Hampshire Maine and Pemaquid, and y^e King's Province lying above seven hundred miles in length and above seven hundred miles upon the western Sea.

CERTIFICATE FROM EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 295.

Custome house.

Boston in New Eng^d.

These may certify whom it doth concerne that James Thomas, Master of the Bark John, late of Rochell, has satisfied me the full of my demands of one third part of the value of appraizement of the said Bark due to me as prosecutor of the same:

Witness

Witnefs my hand this twenty fecond day of December
1687

ED. RANDOLPH, Coll.

HATS SHIPPED BY THOMAS BRADFORD TO EDWARD
RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 17.

Shipped by the Grace of God in good order and well conditioned by M^r Thomas Bradford in and upon the good Ship called the Katherine of London whereof is Master under God for this present Voyage W^m Tucker and now riding at Anchor in the River of London and by Gods grace bound for Boston in New England, to say, tow Deale-boxes, Con-
teining Eighty nine hatts marked as in the margent,
being marked & numbred as in the Margent, & to be delivered in the like good order and well conditioned at the aforefaid Port of Boston (the danger of the Seas onely excepted) unto M^r Edward Randolph, or to his Affigns, he or they paying Freight for the faid Goods twelve shellins sterlin with Primage & Average accustomed. In witnefs whereof the Master or Purser of the faid Ship hath affirmed to three Bills of Lading all of this Tenor and date; the one of which three bills being accomplished, the other two to stand void. And so God fend the good Ship to her desired Port in safety. Amen. Dated in London the 30th Juin
1686

W^m TUCKER

Acc't

Acc't of hatts fold on acco^t of Edward Randolph Esq^r.

1687. Aprill 7 fold Robert Glaswell 1 Caſtor hatt

N^o 2

£ . . " 15 " —

June fold for caſh 2 d^o N^o 1. at 9.

£ . . " 18 —

July 2 fold James Hill 1 ditto N^o 1. at

£ . . " 10 —

7 Sold W^m Gibbins 19 ditto N^o 1. at 9.

£ 8 " 11 " —

14 fold Sam^{ll} Bryant 2 ditto N^o 2 at 15

£ 1 " 10 " —

7ber y^e 5 Sold David Robertſon 3 ditto N^o 2 at

£ . . " 18 —

xber y^e 14 fold W^m Gibbins 16 d^o n^o 1 at 8/9

1 d^o N^o 2 at 9 /

£ 7 " 9 " —

20 " 11 " —

Recd 4[†] " 1^s.

JOSEPH DUDLEY TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Mather Papers, Vol. VI. p. 62, in Boſton Public Library.

To Edward Randolph, Esq^r.

S^r,—I made my Excuse yesterday to M^r Weſt for my abſence. I am this morning ill & incapable to ride. You have already a copy of y^e letter you deſire, & that which is in my hand is not M^r Mather's own writing, but only his ſubſcription. What may be done by y^e one will alike be done by y^e other. Give my humble Service to his Excel-
lency. I wiſh his health while I want my own,

Your ſerv^t,

J. DUDLEY.

15 Dec. 1687.

Memorand. that this 29th Decemb. 1687, I was at Roxbury with the Prefident, who owned the Incloſed to be a true copy of Mr. Mather's lre, And at any tyme on occaſion he would have the Originall In court.

GILES MASTER.

WARRANT

WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF INCREASE MATHER.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Fourth Series, Vol. VIII. p. 702.

Suffolk ss.

By Vertue of his Maj^{ty} Writt of Capias to me Directed,
Returnable before his Maj^{ty} Justices at the Next Superior
Court of Pleas, to be held in Boston on the Last Tuesday in
January nexte, you shall Arrest Increase Mather to Answer
(L. s.) To Edward Randolph Esquir: of a Plea of Trespas
uppon the Case, to the Plaintiff's Damage five hun-
dred pounds. Da^t. the 24th of Decẽ. & in the Thirde year of
his Maj^{ty} Reigne, 1687

JAMES SHERLOCK, Sher^{ff}.

Vera Copia, Thomas Larkin.

RANDOLPH'S SUIT AGAINST REV. INCREASE MATHER.

Among the *Andros Records* in the possession of the
American Antiquarian Society is a paper in Randolph's
handwriting entitled:

"Breefe in y^e case betwixt E. R. pt. & I. M. deft. proofes:

That I. M. did write the libell and send it to Mr. Dudley:
produce the copy of y^e Letter sign^d by Gyles M^r: demand
his deposition G: Master.

That the letter was sent by I. M: quere. J. Dudley.

That y^e letter was made publick Jo: Usher. Sa^m Shrimp-
ton. quere who showed it them & where;

That it was likewise made publick at Salem Mr. Hale
desire him to produce y^e originall.

Of whom he had it?

whither not made publick in Salem.

That Edw^d Randolph & not Barn^d.

* [vizt. y^t it was Rand. himfelfe for it is well known he did once exhibit a complaint ag^t this Colony etc.

produce the Articles of High misdemeanours:

10 articles expresse it Confess'd by Ag^{ts} petition

[let all men judge whither any but Rand.

[whither he has imitated my hand or forged any more letters] produce his letters to M^r Gouge & M^r Keek:

That Rand: has been all along imployed in his Mat^{ys} Speciall service produce the paffes: from K. C.

how y^e people do stir
up y^r people to destroy
me: he engaging the
people in his personall
flanders.

the Commiffions from y^e

L^{ds} of the Treasury:

the paffe from K. James

the letter of y^e Gov^r & Councill:

probabilityes that Mather was y^e Author

Mather accuses me does not excuse himfelfe of that saying as Ahab required Naboths vineyard. There was a meeting about y^e 19th of December soon after my departure upon Balston, at y^e town house, the words proved by Capt. White & he had not the Confidence to denye them in vindication.

not all to be believed in his letter: he denyed he ever knew M^r Gouge.

M^r Lufcomb."

—— — TO INCREASE MATHER.

Historical Papers of C. W. Tuttle, edited by Colonel Albert H. Hoyt, p. 305.

As to the Action of Defamation

Please to Know that as to things incertaine or dubious noe particular Action can be comēced vpon. Now 'tis noe where asserted in that Lre that Edward Randolph was the fforgger of that Lre. As to that (that "belike the Jewes Name was either Edward or Bernard Randolph;") 'tis not pticularly appropriated to Edward Randolph, foe that for the incertainetye thereof Noe Action can lye at the Suite of Edward Randolph, and "one of the Randolphs being detected of fuch villanye is lately fled to fave his Eares," which cannot touch Edward, and that "Randolph is a great Knave" is too geñall to Comence an Action vpon, and that "'tis fufpected that he may be the Author thereof," is too geñall ftill to mainteyne an Action; and as to an Action for words, it cannot bee, for that the pper words for fuch action are (Retulit, p'palavit & publicavit in auditu quamplurimorum fubditorum Dñi Regis in his anglicanis verbis, videl^t, &c.) then writeing of a Lre barely to one, I cannot vnderftand to be a publication, altho the pfon to whome the Lre was Writt doe fhew it to feveral; but he may be faid to publifh, &c.

But let them firft prove the Lre to be yours, which you need not owne, and you may fafely plead, That you are not guilty (modo & forma vt querens verfus eum queritūr.) Et de hoc, pon fe fup. patriam, &c.

In haft. I am Yrs. &c.

[C. C. ?]

INCREASE

INCREASE MATHER TO JOSEPH DUDLEY.

Mather Papers, Vol. VII. p. 2, in Boston Public Library.

These for y^e Hon^rable Joseph Dudley, Esq. in Roxbury.

S^r, — I have for many years shewed all y^e respect to y^r selfe & y^{rs} which I could do, & have wished for an opportunity of doing more. Providence has so ordered y^t it is now in y^r power to do me a kindness. I desire nothing but what is just & righteous, & therefore am confident you will hearken to me. I then pray you to consider whether it can stand with justice in Mr. R[andolph]'s case to find for him at all. For 1. I never did positively charge him wth y^e forged letter; only declared my suspicion. Now, except y^e charge be positive & particular the case is not actionable as a slander. The truth is I never thought that hee (& therefore could not charge him,) but a brother of his was the forger, only I wish he can *bonâ fide*, clear himselfe from being privy to that wickedness. 2. No man can say y^t my name was subscribed wth my owne hand, or y^t y^e Scribe might not mistake severall words, & send a wrong copy to y^rselfe. 3. Mr. R. is legally guilty: Hee y^t has falsely to y^e Secretary of State & others, charged me wth a letter w^{ch} is a forged thing, is legally guilty of y^t Forgery. But M^r R. has done so. In his letter to M^r Bradstreet, (who has bin so kind as to give it to me) dated 7^{ber} 4, 1684, He confesseth y^t hee informed Sir L[eoline J[enkins] & severall of y^e Lords, y^t I was y^e Author of y^t letter to M^r Gouge. And in his letter to M^r Shrimpton dated July 18th 84, (w^{ch} I have by me likewise) Hee accuseth me wth y^t treasonable letter. I have little knowledge in y^e Statutes of y^e Land, but some acquaint-
ance

ance wth y^e Laws of God I ought to have. If y^e statute, Deut. 19, 18, 20, may take place, M^r R. ought to dye y^e death for having falsly & maliciously accused me wth a capital crime.

These things I thought it my concern humbly to suggest to you. I comend you to God, & rest, Sir,

Y^{rs} to serve you

I. MATHER.

Jan^y. 24th, 1687.

S^r, — I must entreat you to be as kind to me as M^r Bradstreet has bin, in giving me M^r R.'s letter to y^rfelfe wth w^{ch} Hee sent y^e Forged Letter of mine.

MR. RANDOLPH TO MR. POVEY.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinso[n], Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 299.

Boston Jan. 24. 1687.

Sir,

I am much obliged to you for yours of the 22d of Sept. last, with the newes and copy of Sir Robert Holmes commission, all which I gratefully received from Capt. Leg, who arrived here the 10th inst. and delivered your letters, and packetts to his excellency our governor, who, being in great sorrow for the losse of his good lady who dyed the 22d instant, desires me to present his humble service to Mr. Blathwayt and to yourfelfe, and to excuse his not writing to you by this accidentall opportunity of a vessell going for Holland with logwood and must touch at some port in England.

By

By the severall Gazetts, filled with addressees, I find you are all at liberty at home, and I believe the court is so taken up with the weightier matters of state that there will be no room for my wife to addresse my petition for a confirmation of my office of secretary and sole register, &c. which I pray may be enlarged and extended to the limitts of the present government. I see no reason why I should resede in my desires of getting an understanding gentleman to come from home to engage in discharge of the secretary's and register's office, which is very beneficiall to West, no fees being as yet agreed upon, and I have ground to believe designedly done to discourage any to undertake that office, whilst, in the mean time, he extorts what fees he pleases, to the great oppression of the people, and renders the present government grievous. I have wrote you of the want we have of two or three honest attorneys (if any such thing in nature) we have but two, one is Mr. West's creature, came with him from New-York, and drives all before him; he also takes extravagant fees, and for want of more the country cannot avoid coming to him, so that we had better be quite without them than not to have more. I have wrote Mr. Blathwait the great necessity of judges from England. I know there are some loyall gentlemen and able lawyers, who have not practice; the judges with us, being now 3, have 390*l.* betwixt them all, besides their fees, which they make very considerable to them: Now, two will serve our occasions. They ought to be of the Councill and their Salaries made up 400*l.* a yeare, apeece, they will deserve it. As for Mr. Bulkley he is stupified and drown in melancholy, and almost uselesse, being seldom with us. I formerly wrote you about

a fitt perfon to affift in my office. Befides the loffe I dayly receive, Mr. Weft is cryed out upon by all; and whom Mr. Blathwayt or you fhould recommend will be acceptable. Capt. Nicholfon tells me Mr. Martin who was to come over with Col. Kerke, is out of bufinefs and believes he would accept of the office: I would have an honeft gentleman, who will not be drawn to ill company, but will mind his bufinefs: There are many about court, but now out of my mind. Pray, please to affift my wife in what may be for my intereft.

Severall veffells are gone from hence to Bermodos, but are designed for the wreck. No news yet of Sir John Norburrow or Sir William Phips being there. We cannot yet agree upon the prizes [prices] of money: Some would have all peeces of 8, tho' of 15 pennyweight, go at 6s. New-England, others at 17; but they ftand at 17½. Our money goes all away and fhall have little or none to fupply ordinary occafions.

Since the governor's arrivall New Plimouth colony have great profitt whale killing: I believe they will have nigh 200 tons for to fend to England, and will be one of our beft returnes, now beaver and peltry fayles us. I have a defire to fee England once more, but I know not when I can get an opportunity, or my bufinefs will allow of my abfence, till I take leave of it, which I am not much difpofed to think of till I hear all things are fettled with you. I fhall write you all our proceedings, as opportunity offers. Not further, but that I am, Sir,

Your moft humble fervant,

EDWARD RANDOLPH

Iuft now notice is come that Will.

Harris is arrived at Pifcataqua.

ORDER

ORDER OF SIR EDMUND ANDROS TO EDWARD RANDOLPH TO
KEEP ALL THE TREASURE TOGETHER AND BRING IT TO
BOSTON, AS REQUESTED BY WILLIAM BURROUGHS, MASTER
OF THE BRIGANTINE. 20 FEBRUARY 168 $\frac{7}{8}$.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. pp. 53-58.

Sr Edmund Andros Kn^t. Cap^t Generall Governor in cheife
& Vice Admirall of his Ma^{ties} Territory & Dominion of New
England to Edward Randolph Esq^r Whereas by his Ma^{ties}
Order unto me directed bearing date y^e 22^d October last past
the one Moiety or halfe part of all Plate Silver gold or
treasure of any kind taken up out of y^e Wrecke near Hispaniola
or from any other wrecke whatsoever is Ordered to be recov-
ered & received for his Ma^{ties} use and whereas the Brigan-
tine Supply whereof William Burroughs is Commander is
lately arrived from the f^d Wrecke att y^e Porte of Bristoll with
Plate & other treasure taken up out of the same I doe there-
fore by these presents Authorize and require you forthwith
to repaire on board the f^d Brigantine & there recover and
receive y^e Moyety or halfe parte of all such plate silver gold
or threasure of any kind as you shall find on board her or
that has been taken up out of y^e f^d wrecke for his Ma^{ties} use
as aforefaid and having received the same fforthwith to
cause it to be brought and safely Conveyed by land to Bos-
ton in y^e Executing & performing whereof all Justices of
the Peace, Sheriffs Constables and all other his Ma^{ties} offi-
cers both civill & military & all his loving subjects are
hereby strictly charged & required to be ayding helping &
assisting to you therein as Occasion and for soe doing this
shall be unto you and them a sufficient Warrant given under
my

my hand & seale att Boston y^e 18th day of ffebruary in y^e 4th
yeare of his Ma^{ties} Reigne Annoq^u Dñi 1687-8.

By his Excell^s Comm^d.

John West D. Sec^{ry}.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 173.

Att a Councill held in Boston on fryday
the third day of ffebruary 1687[8]

Present: His Excellencye S^r Edmund Andros K^{nt}. &c.,
Joseph Dudley, Th^o Hinckley, John Hincks, Francis Nichol-
son, Will Stoughton, John Usher, Nathan^l Clarke, Sam^l
Shrimpton, Rob^t Ma^{son}, Barth. Gidney, Edw^d Randolph,
Will. Browne, Esqrs.

Upon reading this day in Councill the peti^{con} of Edward
Randolph therein praying his Majestyes grant of a certaine
part of vacant land lyeing nigh the Towne of Lynn in the
County of Effex co^monly called Nahant neck & Conteyning
about five hundred Acres.

Ordered that the constables of said Towne or either of
them on receipt hereof doe give publique notice in the said
Towne of Lynn that if any person or persons have any clayme
or pretend to the said Land they appeare before his Ex^cy the
Govenor in Councill on Wednesday the seventh of march
next then and there to shew forth the same and why the said
Land may not be granted to the Petitioner as desired and
that they faile not therein and to make due returne.

By order in Councill &c.

JOHN WEST. D. Sec^{ry}.

Received

Received this order from the hands of Jeremiah Belcher the 2nd day of this instant March 168 $\frac{7}{8}$ and attending thereunto have given publique notice of the matter ordered therein this 5th of March &c. by me John Edmonds,
Constable in Lyn.

OBJECTIONS OF LYNN TO THE PETITION OF E. RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 174.

To his Excellency S^r Edmund Andros Kn^t & o^r Honorable Govern^r with his Honourable Councill to fitt with him on Wednesday the seaventh of this instant March 168 $\frac{7}{8}$

Having received the order etc . . .

Wherefore wee the proprietors of the pasture of Nahant & Inhabitants of Lynn have in duty & obedience to o^r present & Honourable Governo^r & his Honourable Councill presented before them as followeth:

Imp. our humble & most thankful acknowledg^t of the favour showed unto us in giving us notice of such an enterprize (as whereby) should it take effect would foe extreamely indamage foe many of his Majestys good subjects . . .

That wee have in our Records: that in the yeare 1635: this tract of Land viz our Nahants was in the hands of the then freemen of Lynn to dispose of whoe did then grant unto severall inhabitants lands to plant & build upon & possesse, & they did not performe the conditions, they to whome it was granted, forfeited the land, foe graunted to the Towne agayne to dispose as shall be thought fitt and among those to whome these lands were graunted, that worthy & honourable

honourable Gentleman M^r Humfreys was one who was a patentee & an assistant in the first Governm^t, therefore sure, it was the Townes lands then.

that those inhabitants y^t did build & dwell there they were tributaries or tennants & paid their yearly rent to the Towne, as long as they lived or were removed by the Towne, as to instance Robert Coates, yet living to testify it.

there have been some that have layde a clayme to this land called Nahant & commenced aIEWT at Law with the Tovne for it, but were cast at Law: the Court that then was gave the tovne the case, justified the townes right, never denied it nor blamed them about it.

This tract of land. it hath beene divided into planting lotts to the severall proprietors by the voat of the Towne, as appeares in our records Anno 1656 & the whole fenced as a common feild & of the lotts beene improved by the proprietors in planting tilling & manuring & afterwards by the agreement of the proprietors converted into a pasture & soe ever since to this day improved soe wee have by hard labour & industry subdued it into soe good a capacity as it is to this day for the Townes future benefitt and none others.

Wee have honestly purchased the said tract of land with our money of y^e originall proprietors of the soyle, viz. the natives & have firme confirmations thereof under hands & seals according to law.

Wee have possessed & improved the said tract of land upwards of ffifty years, for soe long since it hath beene built upon, inhabited by tennants paying their acknowldgm^{ts} yeare after yeare. Wee hope arguments of this nature will be swaying with soe rationall a Common Wealths man as
M^r

Mr Randolph whoe hath ever pretended great respect to his Maj^{ties} subjects among us & an earnest care & designe to promote their welfare & prosperity. The premises considered wee believe a Gentleman under such circumstances will not bee injurious by seeking a particular benefit to impoverish & disadvantage foe many of his maj^{ties} good subjects by seeking the alienation of such a tract of land foe eminently usefull & needfull for those proprietors now in possession of it. It being a thing foe consistent with his Maj^{ties} pleasure that his subjects should enjoy their properties and flourish under his Government. . . . It will be extremly prejudiciall if not impoverish the body of y^e inhabitants of Lynn whoe live not upon Traffique & trading as many seaport townes doe, whoe have greater advantages, but upon husbandry & raising such stocks of Cattle & Sheep as they are capable & as their outlands will afford for this our Nahant is such a place for us (as God & nature hath fitted & accommodated with herbage & likewise the only place about us for security for our creatures from the teeth of the ravening wolves. . . . therefore the said tract of land hath been improved by the proprietors as a grazing field with great benefit to the body of the whole towne. . . . if the pasture be alienated from us our poore families will be very great sufferers. . . . we shall bee rendered very incapable. . . . to contribute such dues & duties to his Maj^{ties} Government sett over us. . . . Wee then in humility crave the favour of his Excellency & his honourable Councill for such a tryall and proceffe as the Law may admitt off in such a case. . . . signed by the Committee in the name & behalfe of the Proprietors of Nahant.

To

TO HIS EXCELLENCE S^R EDM^D ANDROS GOV^R

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVII. p. 176.

[In Randolph's handwriting.]

The humble representation of Edward Randolph sheweth :
That having by his humble petition to y^r Excellence prayed
a grant of a certain tract of land lying in the township of
Lin in the County of Effex etc. called Nahant, your Excel-
lence was pleased by y^r order in Councill the 3^d day of Nov:
last to direct that the Constable of the f^d town do give pub-
lick notice to the f^d town that if any person or persons had
any claime or pretence to the f^d Land they should appeare
before y^r Excellence in Councill on Wednesday the 7th of
this instant March at which tyme severall of y^e inhabitants
of the faid town of Linn did appeare & presented y^r Excel-
lence with a paper containing their severall objections to the
faid petition.

in answere whereto its humbly offered as follows :

That in their faid paper it does not appeare by whom or
at what tyme the Lands petitioned for, or any part thereof
were disposed of to the inhabitants of Linn: nor that the f^d
town of Linn was incorporated in y^e yeare 1635 nor at any
tyme since & so not invested with a power of receiving or
disposing such lands.

That the few men of Linn mentioned in the first Article
in their f^d paper were not ffreemen of the Corporation of
Lin (as they would insinuate) but inhabitants only in the
townshipp & were admitted by y^e Gen^l Court to be free men
of y^e colony with power to elect Magistrates etc. & their
town

town of linn is equall to a village in England & no other-wife.

And in regard their whole paper contains nothing more materiall than what is expressed in their first Article, y^r Peti^{nr} hath nothing further . . . to offer than to praye y^r Excellence grant according to his petition
all which is humbly presented.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 36.

Att a Councill held at the Councill Chamber in Boston
ye 3^d day of february 1687 [8].

Present: His Exc^{tye}. S^r Edmund Andros, Kn^t, &c.; Joseph Dudley, Th^o Hinckley, John Hinckes, ffran.: Nicholson, W^m Stoughton, John Usher, Nath. Clarke, Sam^{ll} Shrimpton, Rob^t Mafon, Barth. Gidney, Edw^d Randolph, W^m Browne, Esqrs.

Forasmuch as the severall orders formerly made for taking an account of the publique Records of the late Massachusetts Colony have not been attended that the same might be putt into the Sec^{ryes} Custody and all persons have recourse to them as occasion Ordered that M^r Isaac Addington and M^r John Herbert Coward be and are hereby desired and authorized in the presence of M^r Edward Randolph Sec^{ry} and M^r Edward Rawson the late Sec^{ry} or some one in his behalfe doe take an account in writeing of all the said Records and that they beginn the same on Tuesday next and continue day by day about the same till completed and that all the said Records be delivered into the hands
and

and custody of the said Sec^{ry} and the account thereof by them taken forthwith returned to this board under their hands.

By order in Councill. etc.

JOHN WEST D. Sec^{ry}.

WARRANT FOR CAMBRIDGE PROPRIETORS OF LAND TO APPEAR
AND PUT IN CLAIMS ADVERSE TO PETITION OF EDWARD
RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 68.

Att a Councill held at the Councill Chamber
in Boston on Wednesday the 29th of febr. 1687[8].

His Excellency S^r Edm. Andros, Kn^t, &c.; Joseph Dudley, Jn^o Winthrop, Wayte Winthrop, John Usher, John Green, Edw: Randolph, ffra. Nicholson, Samuel Shrimpton, Esqrs.

Upon reading this day in Councill the Petition of Edw^d Randolph Esq^r praying his Ma^{ties} grant of a c^rtain tract of vacant and unappropriated land contayneing about seaven hundred acres lying between Spy Pond & Sanders Brook neere Watertown in the County of Middlesex *Ordered* That the Sheriff of said County doe forthwith after returne hereof give publ. notice both in Cambridge & Watertown that if any person or persons have any clayme or p^rtence to the said land they appeare before his Excellency the Gov^r in Councill on Wednesday the seaventh of March next, then & there to shew forth the same, & why the said land may not be granted to the Petition^r as desired, of w^{ch} he is not to faile & to make due return

By order in Councill &c.

March

March 4 168 $\frac{7}{8}$ memd: this warrant was sent up from Boston to Camb^r on ye sabbath day morning by a boate, w^{ch} was an unusuall thinge in y^t place to see y^e sabbath day so pophaned, & a warrant posted up on y^e meeting house to give notice.¹⁴

COUNCIL MEETING.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 81.

Att a Councill held att y^e Councill Chamber
on Thursday y^e 6th day of March 1687[8].

Pr^sent: His Excellency S^r Edmund Andros, Kn^t., &c.; Joseph Dudley, W^m Stoughton, Jn^o Winthrop, Waite Winthrop, Jn^o Usher, Barn. Lathrop, Nath^l Clarke, Rich^d Arnold, Edw: Randolph, ffrancis Nicholson, Esq^{rs}.

The Peti^ōn of M^r Edward Rawson being this day read praying to be considered for his trouble & time spent & imployed in forting & taking an account of y^e publique Records of y^e late Massathufets Collony *Ordered* that y^e Sum^e of three pounds be payd him by y^e threasurer out of his Maj^{ties} threasury as a Gratuity for y^e said service. M^r Isaack Addington & M^r Jn^o Herbert Coward praying this Board to be allowed y^e sum^e of £3; 9^s; 9^d for their trouble Attendance & Expences in forting & taking an Account of y^e publique Records of y^e late Massathufets Collony p^suant to an order of this Board as by their acct p^rsented *Ordered* that

¹⁴ *Massachusetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 56. "p virtue of this order notice is Given to y^e p^sons concerned. p Sam^l Gookin Sh^{ff}. 5 March 87/8."

that ſd ſumē be allowed them & payd by y^e Threafurer out of his Ma^{ties} threafury accordingly.

Upon hearing y^e Peti^{con} of Edw^d Randolph Efqr^e praying an order for y^e ſumē of £47: 10: 9 being for his truble Charges & Expences in travelling from Boſton to Briſtoll & there receiving & ſecureing y^e halfe parte of y^e ſilver & plate imported in y^e Brigantine Supply W^m Burroughs Ma^r from y^e Wrecke for his Ma^{ties} uſe & bringing y^e ſame by Land to Boſton afforeſd as by his acc^t thereof likewise p^rſented w^{ch} this Board taking into Conſidera^{con} doe allow y^e ſame & *Order* that y^e ſd ſumē of £47: 10: 9 be forthwith payd him out of y^e money reteined for his Ma^{ties} uſe as afforeſd.

Upon hearing y^e Peti^{con} of Edw^d Randolph Efqr^e praying an allowance of y^e ſumē of 10^{lb} y^e value of his horſe loſt on a journey to Hartford in July 1686 & eight pounds more for his expences being for his Ma^{ties} ſervice, w^{ch} this board taking into Conſidera^{con} doe *Order* that y^e ſumē of £15 be payd unto him by y^e threafurer out of his Ma^{ties} threafury for his Loſſe & Expences on the Journey.

TO HIS EXCELLENCE S^R EDMOND ANDROS GOV^R

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 84.

[In Randolph's handwriting.]

The humble petition of Edward Randolph Sheweth:

That about y^e month of July 1686 your petnr was directed to go from Boſton to Hartford to tranſact with that Govⁿ for his Ma^{ties} Service.

That your Petnr did accordingly perform that journey
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and lost his horse valued 10^{lb} & expended the sum of eight pounds in guides horse hire & travelling expenses for himselfe and Cap^t Davis. your petn^r humbly prayes y^r Excellence that the said sums may be allowed of and added to the Generall Charges of the expedition to Hartford

And yr petn^r shall etc.

ED. RANDOLPH

ORDER THAT PUBLIC RECORDS BE PUT INTO THE HANDS OF
EDWARD RANDOLPH, SECRETARY.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVI. p. 238.

Att a Councill held att y^e Councill Chamber in Boston
on Tuesday y^e 6th day of March 1687[8]

P^resent: His Excell^y S^t Edm^d Andros, Kn^t &c.; Joseph Dudley, W^m Stoughton, Jn^o Winthrop, Waite Winthrop, Jn^o Usher, Jn^o Lathrop, Nath^l Clarke, Rich^d Arnold, Edw^d Randolph, ffran. Nicholson, Esq^{rs}

Upon reading this day in Councill y^e Reports made by Edw^d Randolph Sec^{ry}, Edw^d Rawson, Isaack Addington & Jn^o Herbert Coward together with y^e account by them taken of y^e publique Records of y^e late Massachusetts Collony, pursuant to an ord^r of this Board bearing date y^e 3rd of ffebruary past *Ordered* that y^e Records be forthwith taken into y^e Custody & Charge of y^e Sec^{ry} & kept with y^e other Records of this Dominion in the Sec^{rys} office where all p^rsons may have recourse to them as occasion [may require] & that y^e key hitherto kept by Mr. Rawson of y^e place where y^e Records are be forthwith delivered to y^e Sec^{ry}.

By order in Councill

PETITION

PETITION AND REMONSTRANCE OF INHABITANTS OF CAM-
BRIDGE IN REGARD TO EDWARD RANDOLPH'S PETITION.
[7 MARCH 1687-8]

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 85.

To his Excellency S^r Edmond Andros Kn^t Cap^t Generall
and Governour in Cheife of his Ma^{ties} Territory and Do-
minion of New England and his Majesties Councill
The Petition and Address of his Ma^{ties} most Loyall Subjects,
the Inhabitants of Cambridge

In most humble wise sheweth :

In observance of the Councill's order sent unto us refferr-
ing unto those lands petitioned for by Edward Randolph,
Esq^r wee humbly informe and certifie yo^r Excellency and
the Council that they are neither vacant nor unappropriated
Lands and are a part of those Lands granted by his Ma^{tys}
Royall Charter under the Great Seale of England to the
persons therein mentioned and by the Governm^t and Com-
pany of the Massachusetts Bay to the Towne of Cambridge
as the Records of the Generall Court will shew and have
been quietly possessed & improved by this Towne of Cam-
bridge for more than fifty yeares. And was also purchased
of the Indian Natives that claimed title thereto. And more
perticularly as to those mentioned by the Petition^r Scittuate
and Lying between Spy Pond and Sanders Brooke they
were by allotment granted and measured and more than
Forty yeares now past to fundry of the Inhabitants of this
Towne, and they have accordingly peaceably possessed and
improved the same and are att this day Lawfully seized
thereof.

thereof. And for that other part Lying near to Water Towne Lyne the Towne hath hitherto improved those Lands in common for Timber ffire wood and Pasture for all sorts of Cattle, the just interest of each pson therein haveing been Legally settled more than forty yeares and the proprietors have accordingly respectively bought and sold their interests as they have seen meete. And for the securing said Lands from Damage to ourselves by our neighbours of Watertowne the proprietors of said Lands have att their great Charge Erected a stone wall more than one mile in Length and made Provision of gates upon the high wayes as was needfull.

Wee doe also humbly Informe yo^r Excellency and Councill that the Lands above Petitioned for are of soe great concernment to the Inhabitants of this Towne for their necessary Supplies of Timber fire wood and Pasture, that should wee bee Deprived thereof it would be the Inevitable Ruine of more than Eighty Familyes of his Ma^{ty}s Subjects here settled who have spent their Strength and Estates in Confidence of their Indubitable right and peaceable injoyment thereof by virtue of his Ma^{ties} Royall Charter and to them Legally derived in manner as is above recited

Wee Doe therefore Render to yo^r Excellency and hon^{ble} Council our humble and thankfull acknowledgement of yo^r respect to our Welfare (as well as to Justice and Equity) in giving us this opportunity to Informe yo^r Excellency and hono^rs of our claime and just title to those Lands Petitioned for as above said and doe humbly pray that the Royall authority wherewith his Ma^{ty} have invested yo^r Excellency for the Governm^t of this part of his Dominion may putt a check upon your f^d Information and unreasonable request of the
Petition^r

Petition^r for said Lands. And that yo^r Petition^{rs} may not be thence Illegally Ejected or Disturbed in their peaceable Enjoyment thereof, Contrary to his Late Ma^{ty}s Declaration of the 26 July 1683 published upon the Issuing a Quo Warranto against the Late Charter of this Colony and to his present Ma^{ties} Gracious Declaration to all his Loveing Subjects for Liberty of Conscience and maintaining them in all their properties and possessions in any their Lands and propertyes whatsoev^r, the benefitt whereof wee humbly claime

Yo^r Petitioners are his Ma^{ties} most Loyall and yo^r Excellencyes humble Servants and Supplyants in the name and by the order of the Inhabitants of Cambridge

JOHN COOPER

WALTER HASTING

FRANCIS MOORE

JOHN JACKSON

SAM^{LL} ANDREW¹⁵

REPLY OF THE PROPRIETORS OF LANDS BETWEEN SANDERS
BROOK AND SPY POND.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 298. [28 June, 1688.]

The Reply¹⁶ of the proprietors of those Lands lyeing between Sanders Brooke and Spy Pond neare unto Watertowne

¹⁵ Presented a second time 28 June. See *Massachusetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 297.

¹⁶ In the *Massachusetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 116 [March 7] is the same reply ending, however, with the words, "If anything be yett behind

on our part necessary for the evincing our claims, wee humbly pray that wee may be informed what those things are and time given us to bring in our further answer to yo^r Excellency and ye Councill. Sam^{ll} Andrew Walter Hastings Zachariah Hicks John Goue."

towne in the County of Middlesex To an answer made to their Addrefs p^resented to yo^r Excelency and the Hono^{ble} Councill reffering to the Petition of Edward Randolph Esq^r he praying a Grant of seaven hundred acres, part of the abouesaid Tract of Land as vacant and unappropriated

You^r humble Suppliants doe Craue leaue to remind yo^r Excellency and the Hon^{ble} Councill

That in our Former addrefs wee haue briefly declared and asserted our Just Title and Claime to said Lands deriueing the same from His Mat^{ties} Royall Grant by his L^{res} Patent under the Great Seale, under the Security whereof The First Planters of this Colony adventured themselues into this then wast and desolate wilderネス and haue here wasted and spent great Estats and many liues for the planting Peopling and defending themselues and his Ma^{ties} right therein, the abouesd Royall Grant being made not onely to the Gentlemen named in said L^{res} Patent, Butt alsoe to all such others as they shall admitt and make free of their Society makeing them one body Politique, By the name of the Governour and Company of the Maffachusetts Bay in New England, And under that name are Impowred to make Laws and ordinances for the good and welfare of said Company and for the Gouernment and ordering the said Lands and Plantation and the people that shall Inhabitt therein as to them shall seem meett. Wee further Declare that by the said Gouernour and Company, the said Lands Petitioned for by Edward Randolph Esq^r are granted to Cambridge then called NewTowne, and by the said Town haue binn orderly distributed amongst their Inhabitants, the grant and setle-
ment

ment whereof upon the feuerall Proprietors and there names, as they stand entered in the Town Booke wee herewith exhibitt to your Excellency and the Councill. If Further evidence be required of the same, or of our poffession and Improument thereof, plainly evinceing that those Lands are neither vacant nor unappropriated as the petition^r hath represented

You^r Excellency have not req^{red} of us to shew or demonstrate that y^e formalities of the law haue binn in all the circumstances thei^rof exactly observed nor doe wee Judge it can rationally be expected from a people soe circumstanced as the first planters were, by whome those matters were acted in the Infancy of these plantations, They not haueing Councill in the law to repaire unto, nor would the imergencies that then ineuitably happend admitt thereof, And as wee humbly Conceive nor doeth the Law of England require the same, of a people soe circumstanced as they then were. Butt from the begining of this Plantation haue approued themfelues Loyall to His Maj^{tie} and in all respects haue intended the true ends of His Maj^{ties} Royall Grant and through Gods great blessing on their Indeavou^{rs} Raised here a Plantation that redounds greatly (as is well knowne in the world) To the Honour and profit of the Crowne, And His Late Maj^{tie} by his Letters sent to the Gouvernour and Company, accordingly declared His Royall Acceptance thereof with promise of Protection in our long and orderly settlement of this Colony, as His Maj^{tie} was Gratioufly pleased to terme the same, The Further Security, whereof giuen as by the Declaration of His Late Maj^{tie} when the Quo-warranto was Issued forth against this Colony, as alsoe by His Present Maj^{tie}

Maj^{tie} In His Declaration, as in our Addrefs foe wee doe hereby again Humbly Claime.

In the Name and by the Order of the Proprieto^{rs} together with our selues of those Lands Petitioned for By Edward Randolph Esq^r.

JOHN COOPER
WALTER HASTINGS
SAM^{LL}: ANDREW
FRANCIS MOORE
JOHN GOUE

[*Endorsed*] 28th June 1688. 2nd Cambridge Answer ab't y^e lands petitioned for by Edward Randolph Esq^r

MR. WILLIAM BLAITHWAIT TO MR. EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinson, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 301.

Sir,

Whitehall, 10th of March 1687-8.

I am to thank you for yours of the 23d of November, and would not faile to answer the chief particulars. If the union of all New England under one governor be acceptable on your side the water, what will the joining and annexing to the same government be of all the English territories in America, from Delaware Bay to Nova Scotia? This is already determined by his Majesty, and a commission constituting Sir Edmund Andros governor also of New York, as united to and parcel of his Majesties dominion of New-England. And for the two Jerseys, scire facias's are expediting towards their union. This, besides other advantages, will be terrible to the French and make them proceed with more caution than they have lately done.

I am obliged to you for your kind present of cranberries, acorns, chefnuts &c. which came very well and are imparted to Mr. Robert Southwell. The little box of locust trees was broken open and they are lost, which was a pity, since they are so shady as you mention. I told the King of the black fox, who taking not much notice of it, I keep it myself, unless you think otherwise to dispose of it.

Care is already taken for the passing your patent for all New-England, and if Mr. Spragg were not in the way, it might have been for the whole new dominion.

Pray, present my humble service to Mr. Mason and let him know Mr. Povey gives him particular instructions by this ship how to proceed regularly. The governour needs not any order from hence to do justice. If Mr. Mason be aggrieved he may appeal.

My humble service likewise to Capt. Nicholson, who I hope may be the lieut. governour intended by the King for the New-England. Nor let my service be forgot to my cousin Treffry, whose relations are all very well.

Since you are so mindfull of my concerns, the inclosed paper will shew you how the article for the auditors is to be worded. But pray remember the first accompt of the president and councill. It was sent back with severall queries, in order to the satisfying the lords commissioners of the treasury, and I expect your return of it. And you may do well to help Sir E. Andros to dispatch the first accompt since his arrivall, by setting forth every particular, how expended, more minutely than the parchment sent me does contain, that the lords of the treasury may not except against the method of it.

I fend you the gazettes touching the pirates and Sir R. Holmes. The King has granted him all pirates goods for 3 years and the power of pardoning for one year. He offers fair to discoverers and such as surrender themselves, and will certainly make good his promise. An accident on that account may make your fortune, as you are most in the way of that sort of people.

I must not forget my humble service to all my other friends and acquaintance with you. Time and patience will stand you in great stead, amidst your disappointments and afflictions, and you will always find that I am most truly

Sir,

Your faithfull friend

and humble servant,

WILLIAM BLATHWAYT.

RANDOLPH'S ANSWER TO THE CAMBRIDGE REMONSTRANTS.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 111. 17 March, 1687.

In answer to an Adrefs lately made to y^r Excell^{ie} and the
Councill by the Inhabitants of Cambridge
The Pet^r humbly remembreth y^r Excell^{ie} and their Hon^{rs} of
the Councill

That upon reading his peti^{con} in Councill the 29th day of
Feb^y past praying his Ma^{ties} grant of a certain Tract of vacant
& unappropriated Land conteyning about 700 acres lying
between Spy pond and Sanders Brooke near Water Town
in y^e County of Middx. It was ordered that the Sheriff of
that County should give publike notice in Cambridge and
Watertown that all persons Claiming the sayd Land should
appear before y^r Excell^{ie} and the Councill on the 7th of March
last

laſt to ſhew forth y^e ſame and why the ſayd Land might not be granted w^{ch} was accordingly done. In objection to w^{ch} Grant hath bin exhibited to your Excell^{ie} and the Councill the peti^{ti}on and addreſs of y^e Inhabitants of Cambridge ſetting forth, That the ſayd Land was by the Royall Charter granted to the perſons therein men^{ti}oned and by them to the Town of Cambridge as they ſay apeareſ by the Records; That the ſayd Town hath had more then fifty years poſſeſſion thereof.

That the ſame was likewise purchaſed by [of?] y^e Indian natives.

That forty years ſince the ſayd Land was granted & meaſured out to the Inhabitants of Cambridge and that they are now lawfully ſeized thereof.

That for that part in Water Town, it hath bin improved in Com^{on} and each man's right was lawfully ſetled to him for more than forty years, for the ſecuring whereof from y^e damage of the neighbouring Town, at great charge they have erected a ſtone wall of one mile in length and made needfull proviſion of Gates on y^e highway.

That y^e ſayd Land hath afforded the Inhabitants Timber, fire-wood, and paſture Want of w^{ch} will occaſion the ruine of aboue eighty families therefore pray they may not be illegally ejectioned from the ſame contrary to the Declaration of y^e late and p^{re}ſent King.

To w^{ch} the Pet^r anſwereth That in caſe the Inhabitants of Cambridge doe produce to y^r Excell^{ie} and y^e Councill y^e Royall grant to any perſon or perſons of y^e ſayd Land peti^{ti}oned for and from ſuch perſon or perſons, a legall conveyance to y^e Inhabitants of y^e ſayd Town and that the ſayd
Town

Town were by that name or by what other name y^e same hath bin to them granted able and sufficient in the law to receive a grant of such Lands, Then y^r pet^r will cease any further prosecution of his sayd prayer, Otherwise the pet^r humbly conceives y^e Right still to remain in his Ma^{tie} and humbly prays a Grant for the same

ED. RANDOLPH

Boston March y^e 17: 1687

MR. POVEY TO MR. RANDOLPH.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinson, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 303.

Whitehall, 18 March 1687-8.

Sir,

Since mine of the eighth instant, I can only let you know that your warrant for secretary of New-England, with Rhode-Island included, and Connecticut, had passed the King's hand, when it came further under consideration how that New-York and the Jerseys, which are now to be added in the general commission, might be included without wrong to the present settlement there; and I believe it will be agreed that your deputation to them shall be sufficient, so as he may receive the whole profits of it without any acknowledgement or charge, but in the mean time your warrant is stopt till the amendment or rather addition be agreed of; but you may expect to receive it at the same time the governor receives his commission, which will be sent by Foy.

On the 10th Mr. Blathwayt writt to you and sent you a memorandum touching his salary, of which I now send you a copy, and tho' I writ to you before upon this subject, the
inclosed

inclosed being as it is settled by himself, you will please to follow the method he prescribes.

We have no news, more than the enclosed proclamation for the recalling the King's subjects out of the States service; and three new regiments are raising here.

I am, with much truth,
Sir, Your most faithful humble servant,

J. POVEY.

My humble service to Mr. Mason,
Capt. Nicholson & Capt. Trefry.

J. POVEY TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 167.

Whitehall 25 April 88

Sr.

This accompanies yo^r Patent for y^e Secy^s office of New England which bearing date after the annexing New York & the Jerseys with the other Colonies of New England makes you Sec^y of the whole government of New England in its p^rsent extent but M^r Spraug will have an order for you to make him a dignitatem of so much as he held before

I have recd the fav^r of yo^{rs} of the 24th of Jan^{ry} last and do not understand your meaning ab^t a patent for life not having heard of it before it being not granted now in any case

M^r Wharton has seull busineses depending tho I doubt not much to his satisfaction, his propofals for a Grant of Mines are now under consideration, but will admitt of feu^{ll} [amendments?]

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The Princess has been very ill with her miscarrying and is now relapsed tho it is sd there is no danger.

The Queen has likewise been much indisposed but goes now abroad and is pretty well with her being with child

Three Regim^{ts} are raising here in Scotland & Ireland to be comanded by the officers that come out of Holland

Since my last we have no other occurrences than the tumult & disorder of Constantinople for which I refer you to y^e inclosed Gazett and assure that I am with much truth

S^r

Yo^r most ffaithfull

humble servant

Mr Randolph

J. POVEY

VOUCHERS OF Y^E TREASURERS ACCOUNT FROM Y^E 1 OF
JULY 1687 TO THE FIRST OF JANUARY FFOLLOWING.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 1.

[In Randolph's handwriting 5 June 1688.]

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| Disburs money at fort hill | 24 : 9 : 3 : |
| ffor y ^e Gouvernement | 73 : 17 : 2 : |
| ffor the ffort at Pemmaquid | 55 : 17 : 5 : |
| ffor the Castle on Castle Island | 122 : 2 : 1 : |
| ffor y ^e Dry Dock at Charles Town | 332 : 19 : 11 : |
| ffor y ^e Ketch Speedwell Jā Cook Master | 160 : 14 : 9 . |
| paid to his Excell : | 599 : 11 : 3 . |
| to the Auditor &c. | 192 : 0 : 7 . |
| Corn remaining unfold | 938 : 11 : 1 : |
| money remaining in Treafury | 1340 : 10 : 3 : |
| | 3840 : 13 : 10 . |
| | VOUCHERS |

VOUCHERS FROM Y^E 4TH OF JANUARY 1687 TO THE 5 OF
JUNE 1688.

ffor his Maties Goumt of New England by Michael

Perry

100 : 5 : 6 :

Mem^d : my charge for a bullock & spritt

4 : 6 : 9 :

at Mrs. Dartmouth

4 : 0 : 0 :

[in different handwriting.]

. . . In the Presidents time

£52 2 : 0.

. . . more

0 13 : 9.

first halfe year in y^e Gouvenors time

51 : 4 : 0.

2nd

192 : 7 : 0.

3^d to the 30th June 1687

95 : 0 : 10.

399 : 7 : 7.

202 : 6 : 6.

601 : 14 : 1.

Discharged

by Severall pay^{mts} made

1561 : 12 : 5.

by money remaining

1340 : 10 : 3.

by corn unfold

938 : 11 : 1.

Remaining of y^e Countrys Rates in the hands of

Severall Conftables yet unpaid

469 : 4 : 1.

by charges upon bringing in the Country Rates to the

Severall Conftables

233 : 15 : 11.

amount of corn unfold

1512 : 1 : 0.

Rates paid in & out

1104 : 4 : 9.

2616 : 5 : 9.

The Accounts ffrom y^e 1 of July 1687 to Jany vizt.

charge by money & loan

3840 . 13 . 10.

the whole amount of loan amounts to

2436 . 5 . 1.

MR.

MR. RANDOLPH TO MR. POVEY.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinson, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 304.

Boston, June 21. 1688.

Sir,

I received your two letters of the 8th and 18th March, the first at Pemmequid, where after a tedious passage in 5 or 6 boats and other water carriage, I overtooke his excellency, being left behind at Boston, by sickness, about the end of April last. The Governor, with his servants, travelled by land to Piscataqua; Col. Mason was visiting the militia in the province of Maine, and was forced to follow the Governor to Casco bay, where the Governor's sloop and barge with 10 oares attended their coming; he went amongst all the islands in Casco bay, visited Mr. Wharton's possessions at Pejepsgut, and rowed up many leagues in Kennebeck river; from thence by easy motions, they got to Pemmequid, where he stayed 3 or 4 dayes to refresh themselves with sheep and fowles, and then with the Rose frigott, made towards Penobscott; his Excellency had sooner, by me before, appointed Capt. George to speake to Monsieur St. Casten, and to acquaint him with his coming; the captain roade with his frigott before Casten's doore, sent his lieut. ashore, Casten spoke to him and told him, but upon notice of the Governor's coming, Casten and all the Company retired, left the place to that . . . and left his house shutt; the Governor landed, with other gentlemen with him, and went into the house and found a small altar in the common roome, which altar, and some pictures and ordinary ornaments, they did not meddle with any thing belonging thereto, but tooke
away

away all his armes, powder, shott, iron kettles and some trucking cloath and his chaires, all which were putt aboard the Rose and laid up in order to a condemnation of trading, in the forte at Pemmequid; at their returne, notice being irregularly given to the Indian Sachem, neighbour to Casteen, that he should have all his goods restored if he would demand them at Pemmaquid and come under obedience to the King, it is supposed he went and acquainted the Governor at Port Royall of it, and how resented we were to expect by the returne of our fishing vessells. This Casteen is a Frenchman, has lived there many yeares, has 3 or 4 Indian wives and goes a hunting with the Indians, he has a trading house and sold the Indians, armes and ammunition in the late Indian wars; he does not well like to be under the French government, desires to live indifferent. His Excellency carryed with him carpenters and boards, nailes and all necessary stores, intending to erect a forte at Ponopscutt, the old one, as they say, being gone to ruin, formerly made up with stone and turfe, but finding none there, was resolved to spare that charge till a more proper time offered, and in his Excellency's returne from Ponopscutt, 5 or 6 leagues off from thence, I meete the Governor at sea, I being bound to Ponopscutt, but I then returned with him to Pemmaquid. The Governor sent out, every way, messengers to summon in all the Indian Sachems; such as were at Pemmaquid at his first arrivall, stayed his returne; they were well treated with shirts, rumm and trucking cloath, but his Excellency, with a short speech, by an interpreter, acquainted them that they should not fear the French, that he would defend them, and ordered them to call home all their young men

men and they should live quietly and undisturbed. There I went to one Shurt, town clarke of Pemmequid, to know what leases were made lately and by whom, and for what quitt rent; he told me that above 2 years agoe Capt. Palmer and Mr. West produced to them a commission from Col. Dongan, to dispose of all their land to whoever would take leases at 5s. the hundred acres quitt rent; they lett there and at a place called Dartmouth, 12 or 16 miles distant from Pemmequid, about 140 leases, some had 800 or 1000 acres, few less than 100, some but 3 or 4 acres, and all paid 2*l.* 10*s.* 0*d* for passing their grantes of 100 acres of woodland with 20 acres of marsh, wherever it could be found; but this bred a great mischief amongst the people, few or none have their land measured or marked, they were in haste and gott what they could; they had their emissaries amongst the poore people and frightened them to take grantes, some came and complained to the Governor and prayed him to confirme their rights, which he refused to doe, the Commission and whole proceeding being illegall, having notice they were to be under his government, they resented it, but it served their turne. The poor have been very much oppressed here, the forte run all to ruin and wants a great deale to repaire it; the Governor has ordered it to be well repaired; it stands very well to command a very good bay and harbour about it, and will in time be a good place, being the only good porte for all vessels, eastward, to ride well and secure by the forte from danger. At this time, Capt. Palmer and Mr. West laid out for themselves such large lotts, and Mr. Graham, tho' not there, had a child's portion, I think some have 8 or 10 000 acres; I hear not of one penny rent comeing in
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to the King from them who have their grants confirmed at Yorke, and this 5s. an hundred acres was only a sham upon the people. At our returne, we saw very good land at Winter harbour, enough to make large settlements for many people: The Governor will have it first measured and then surveyed, and then will dispose of it for settlements.

Mr. Graham and his family are settled in Boston, he is made attourney generall and now the Governor is safe in his New Yorke confidents, all others being strangers to his councill. My cousin Mason can make no progress in his business, he has attempted to try his title at Piscataqua, but has been delayed by the judges, and the inhabitants are far more obstinate than formerly, Mr. West having told some of them that his title is little worth. All Mr. West aims at is to have the passing grants for all Mr. Mason's lands, and neither he nor Graham will allow that he has power to make a grant to any tenant; they are for leaving him out of all. The news of the dissenters being indulged and taken into favour, at home, encouraged this people, and the judges will not give a cause for the King. They now dispute his Excellency's grants and plead either possession or Indian purchase in barr of it. The addition of New Yorke to this government does very much enlarge our bounds and may be of great service to the crowne, but they have been squeezed dry by Colonell Dongan and his agents West and Graham, that there is little good to be done. We are in great expectation of Foyes arrivall, and some preparations are making for a southerne expedition, but I believe Sir Edmund will not goe into New Yorke till Col. Dongan is removed off the place, there is no good understanding be-
twixt

twixt them, and twas not well done of Palmer and West to tear all in pieces that was settled and granted at Pemmequid by Sir Edmund, that was the sceene where they placed and displaced at pleasure, and were as arbitrary as the great Turke; some of the first settlers of that easterne country were denyed grants of their own lands, whilst these men have given the improved lands amongst themselves, of which I suppose Mr. Hutchinso[n] has complained.

NOTICE TO APPEAR.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 281.

Boston June 22nd 1688

Mr. Sheriffe

You may give notice to any persons that may lay clayme to the land in Cambridge petitioned for by Edward Randolph Esq^r that on Thursday next in the forenoone they appeare before his Excell^{cy} in Councill and give their full answer therein

I am

S^r Your fervant

JOHN WEST. D. Sec^y.

[*Addressed*]

Samuell Gookin Esq^r

High Sheriffe of the County
of Middx.

att Cambridge.

COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 12.

Att a Councill held att the Councill Chamber in
Boston on Thursday the 28th of June 1688.

Present: His Excell^{cy} S^r Edmund Andros Kn^t etc. Joseph
Dudley, W^m Stoughton, Waite Winthrop, John Usher,
Nathan^{ll} Clarke, Edward Randolph, ffrancis Nicholson,
Richard Smith, Sam^{ll} Shrimpton, Esq^{rs}

Upon further hearing of the Petition of Edward Randolph
Esq^r praying his Ma^{ties} Grant for a certaine parcell or Tract
of Vacant and unapropriated land Containeing about
seaven hundred Acres lying betweene Spy Pond and Saun-
ders brooke neare WaterTowne in the County of Middle-
sex as alsoe a Certain Writeing p^rsented by Samuell An-
drewes & others of Cambridge termed the Reply of the
proprietors of the lands lying betweene Saunders Brooke
and Spy Pond to an answer made to their addrefs but they
declareing they had no authority to speake in behalfe of
others but onely for them selves and by reason of the Gen-
erall discription of the Land petitioned for not knowing
whether the lands claymed by them be within the quantity
desired or not, it is ordered that a Suruey and draft be forth-
with made of the faid Land and returned in to the Secre-
tary's office accordingly.

By order in Councill

JOHN WEST D. Sec^{ry}.

EXAMINATION

EXAMINATION OF WILLIAM WALTON ABOUT PIRATES AT
RHODE ISLAND. 5 JULY 1688

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 21.

[In Randolph's handwriting.]

Will. Walton being summoned sayth that his neighbor Thomas Warner was aboard y^e pirate when Capt. Pelham was aboard, that Capt. Pelham had a gun & cutlafs. John Clarke had a guñ: John Woodman had a Cloake: William [Hunt?] a Tayler bought cloathes of y^e Sayler. Mr. Brinley had pistols a pretty many of y^e Capt. & advised Walton to take them at 21^s a piece. Mordica y^e Jew bought goods of y^e pyrates: John Davis sold Bread & Beer to y^e pyrates & gave them wine. William Wade, unlicensed ordinary [] Stephen Sebears, George Halfey, Charles Beerds, Henry Palmer, he had letters to severall persons to Tho^s Phillips wife neer Cowells. A. B. serv^t to Jonathan Marsh a Baker sold y^e Dutch man a Black Hoge.

M^r RANDOLPH'S TESTIMONY AS TO WORDS OF SIR WILLIAM
PHIPS.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 29.

[In Randolph's handwriting.]

May it please y^r Excellency

Being in company with S^r William Phips this day amongst other discourse hee sayd he heard twas Cott. Mafon & myselfe opposed the setting aside the Sheriffs: that he would sett mee

mee forth in my colors & was going home & would make it known : or words to that effect.

ED RANDOLPH Sec̃ry.

Boston July y^e 7th 1688.

OATH OF JOHN WEST, AS DEPUTY SECRETARY.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 90.

Whereas yo^u are by an Indenture made by Edward Randolph Esqr^e his Mat^{ies} Sec̃ry & Sole Register of his territory & Dominion of New England beareing date y^e 3rd day of May 1687, Authorized & Appointed to be Deputy Sec̃ry & Register you doe Swear that you will faithfully & carefully manage & p^rforme y^e f^d office as Deputy Sec̃ry & Register Keepeing the Records of all things proper to y^e f^d office fairly fileing & copying all such records and papers as are committed to yo^u & in all things to demeane yo^r selfe according to yo^r charge & duty of yo^r place after yo^r best skill & knowledge & pursuant to y^e indenture & deputa^{co}n given yo^u.

John West tooke y^e above oath in Councill y^e 20th July 1688 upon y^e Desire of y^e sd Ed. Randolph.

ED. RANDOLPH Sec̃ry.

PETITION OF EDWARD RANDOLPH FOR LAND AT NEW-
PORT, R. I.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 106. [July 26. 1688]

To his Excellency S^r Edmund Andros Kn^t; Capt. Generall and Governour in cheife of his Majesties Territory & Dominion of New England &c.

The

The humble Petiçon of Edward Randolph Esq^{re} Sheweth.

That there is next adjoyning to the Lands of Jaell Brinton of Newport in the Collony of Rhoad Island a Certaine tract of vacant and unimproved Land Containing about Two hundred and fifty acres or thereabouts.

Your pet^r therefore humbly prayes yo^r Excellency will please to give him a Grant and Confirmaçon for y^e fst Lands and in order thereto, issue forth yo^r Warrant for y^e Surveying thereof, under such moderate Quitt Rent or acknowledgement to be paid to his Maj^{tie} as to yo^r Excellency shall seeme meete.

And yo^r Pet^r as in duty bound
shall ever pray etc.

PETITION OF EDWARD RANDOLPH IN BEHALF OF THE EARL
OF CLARENDON.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 109. [26 July 1688.]

To his Excellency S^r Edmund Andros Kn^t Cap^t Generall
and Governour in Cheife of his Majesties Territory and
Dominion of New England etc.

The humble Petiçon of Edward Randolph Esq^r on the be-
halfe of the R^t Honorable Henery Earle of Clarendon.
Sheweth

That neere unto the windmill in the Towne of Portf-
mouth on the east side of the island there is about one hun-
dred and fifty acres of vacant and unimproved Land alsoe
one hundred & fifty acres more neare M^r Beard his house in
the Towne of Newport Alsoe one hundred & fifty acres
more neere a place knowne by the name of Greene End
next

next adjoyning to the land of W^m & Thomas Coddington & Coll. Sandford in y^e aforefaid Towne of Newport Alfoe Three hundred and fifty acres more lyeing neere to y^e lands of John Rogers & Davyd Layton within the Townshipp of Portsmouth and Newport as alfoe one hundred acres more neere Newport next the land of Abraham Anthony all w^{ch} faid lands containe in the whole one thousand acres or thereabouts.

Your Petiōner therefore humbly prayes yo^r Excellency will please to give him a Grant and Confirmation for y^e f^a severall tracts & parcells of land for y^e use above [mentioned] and in order thereto to issue forth your Warrant for y^e Surveying thereof and such moderate Quitt Rent or such acknowledgement to be pd to his Ma^{ty} for y^e fame as to yo^r Excellency shall seeme meete.

And yo^r Peticon^r as in duty bound
shall ever pray etc.

ORDER OF COUNCIL IN NEW YORK FOR RAISING MONEY.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 162.

Att a Councill held att New York on Wednesday
y^e 29th day of Aug^t 1688.

Present: his Excellency S^r Edmond Andros, Kn^t, etc.; Joseph Dudley, Walter Clarke, Jarvis Baxter, Edw^d Randolph, Jn^o Young, Jn^o Allen, Robert Mafon, Jn^o Winthrop, Steph. Courtland, Jn^o Walley, Nich^o Bayard, Arthur Brocklols, ffred Phillips, Jn^o Usher, Walter Newberry, Rich^d Smith, Esq^{rs}.

Whereas y^e Execũcon of an Aēt made y^e 7th day of May laſt paſt by his Excell^{cy} Thomas Dongan late Capt. Generall & Governor in Cheife of his Ma^{ties} Province of New York in America Intituled an Aēt for Raiſeing y^e ſumē of £2555 : 6^d by or before y^e firſt day of November in y^e yeare of our Lord 1688 hath been & is by order of his Excell^y in Councill dated y^e 30th day of July laſt paſt for y^e Reaſon therein menēoned ſuſpended till further order which being taken into conſideration It is ordered that y^e Aēt be fully & duly executed according to y^e tenor & true intent & meaning thereof & y^e money therein menēoned duely Levyed Raiſed Collected & payd as therein is directed of w^{ch} all Juſtices of the peace & other officers & perſons concerned are to take notice & conforme themſelves accordingly. By order in councill.

ROBERT LIVINGSTON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 169. [1 September, 1688.]

Hon^d S^r

This being y^e firſt opportunity from hence after my arrivall from N. Yorke which was but 10 days agoe I thought itt my duty to lay hold of itt & return you my hearty thanks for y^e favors rec^d of you eſpecially att N. Yorke in takeing y^e pains to write a letter to M^r Povey for my recommendation w^{ch} I have ſent over & in all ou^r things followed y^r good advice & ſent over a Copy of a Petiēon for my correſpondent to make uſe off upon occaſion & by this Bearer ſend copies thinking there may be an opportunity for London therefore would pray you to doe me the kindneſſe & write one line more & give it to M^r Graham who will forward

ward itt with my letters I doubt not in y^e least to reap y^e benefite of y^e fame & yo^u may be assured I shall not prove ungratefull; here is no news: y^t from Canada a M^r Smith y^e Bearer will inform you I am now goeing to y^e countrey to call upon those officers for y^e fees & by y^e next shall be able to give you an acc^t. This is all att present from him who is

S^r your ever obliged Freinde

& most humble serv^t

ROB^t LIVINGSTON.

RANDOLPH TO [BLATHWAYT?]

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 181.

Fort Albany, on Hudson River

Sept. 12, 1688

Sir,

I wrote you from New York and from Philadelphia, and send this by a vessel from New York to Boston, which serves only to acquaint you of the death of my cousin Mason, who dyed the 6 instant, and was buried at Kingstone upon this river. He was much troubled at the Great delays in his business, occasioned by his pretended friend, Mr. Dudley. His Excellence is much concerned for his losse. We will do the best we can for his poor children. Coll. Dongan makes it his business to perplex his Mat^{ies} affairs here by all wayes & meanes after our return from y^e Jarfeys (both ag^t his will & desires well settled) he presented to y^e Councill his account of Charges arising upon the forces raised in this Province amounting to 6400^l and some od money: the Councill looking upon themselves no way obliged to audit Amount referred

ferred that matter till his Ma^{ties} pleasure was known in it: especially in regard Coll. Dongan had not charged himselfe with the receite of one penny received by him towards defraying that charge: whereas it appeared he has by 2 rates: & by money received out of y^e trading Revennue with 500^l start from y^e Gou^r of Virginnia been satisfied for almost if not all that expenfe however his Excellence finding that severall officers and others serving in that expedition were unpaid moved in councill that care might be taken for their speedy pay & it was ordered that Coll. Dongan give notice what persons were unpaid & what was severally due to them & that money should be forthwith raised for their payment thereby to take off the Rancor & support his Ma^{ties} credit with the people. Butt Coll. Dongan upon notice hereof: instead of doing that publick justice to the officers & souldiers sends to his Excellence full of bitter reflexions upon y^e Gou^r charging the not paying the Souldiers upon S^r Edmunds malice ag^t Coll. Dongan and makes him the sole obstru^ter: saying with all that all things were made easy for him to his hand & nothing now to be done for his Ma^{ties} service in this Gov^t whereas indeed the fort at this place, as well as that at N. York, is wholly out of order: left as deserted in an enemeyes country — no powder nor one thing fitt for service left upon y^e place: all either sold or given away. The ffrench Gou^r has been too hard for Coll. Dongan in many respects; he keepes his Indians in armes who have kiled 5 or 6 English & as many Indians lately in Connecticut Colony & keepes possession of y^e ffort of Quadrakby in our Indians country Coll. Dongan never so much as taking the least notice of it to the french Gou^r when he
sent

sent him the treaty & truce, who continued by force or faire meanes to draw to himfelfe all the five nations & to that end has now sent them all presents: I know not yet what influence the notice of S^r Edmund Andros being Gou^r may have upon them: we expect to heare from them dayly: & their cheife to come to this town: the 5 nations have very much gaind upon Coll. Dongan & twill be difficult for S^r Edmund Andros to reduce them to their former obedience. You will receive at Court high recriminations from Coll. Dongan ag^t his Excellence especially because the Councill has not thought fitt immediately to raise money to pay him y^e Sum^m of 6000^l od money without any order from his Ma^{tie} or further enquireing into it, which wee cannot answer to his Ma^{tie}. I have this onely to ad that S^r Edm^d has carried himfelfe to Coll. Dongan with all due regard both as a Gen^t and as a Gou^r & be confident that w^ever Coll. Dongan may suggest home or endeavour there. That his Ma^{ties} service will be most punctually observed: you may expect a particular account at our return to Boston. this I thought my duty to say in generall: that you may be prepared to say something upon his previous charges sent over as I heare by our Bishop who is to manage for Coll. Dongan. my humble service to M^r Povey and to all freinds I give you & him my hearty thanks for all favors & am

Your humble ser^t.

ED. RANDOLPH.

JOHN

JOHN SKEENE TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 236.Burlington the 7th of ye
8^t mōn 1688

Loving ffriend

Thes are to Let the Know that I have not yit deliverd all the Commiffions for many of the perfons being fick wer not In A capacitie to come & tak ther Ingadgments & the falem people who have fince ever I knew them been too hetoroclite are not yit come to Receave thers fo that I fear I cannot make A full Return of the day In ye dedimus potestatem to me prefixt however I fhall wth what expedition I can, we doe extremly want the Copies of ye Laws by which we are to Act, & fuch Instructions as are neadfull, therfor pray dyspatch $\overline{y}m$ $\overline{p}r$ [jft?] allfo, the Commiffion for The Recording & the deliverance of my Bill to the Go^r which was Granted or I Came Away, ther was non of the justices wold Accept of these Commiffions fo as to pay A farthing for them or ther Attestations, for y^{ch} thou charrgd 6/8 A pice, ye shirife of Burlington hath promesd pay Viz 20/8 as thou charrg'd, but Glosters shirief Is Realy fo poor & hath been at fo much Los that He would not touch with his till I promisd to represent his poverté & plead for thy excuse of him which heerby I doe: Be perfwaded that I wold not have preft my own Interests fo \overline{much} as I have & fhall doe thin, Prefent my Dewtefull Respects To y^e Go^r & Give my Trew Respects to . . . friends Jeames Graham & Jn^o west & . . they wold Help me to A Commiffion for . . . of All wills In this 3 Countes
It

It wold . . A Great Kindnes & be no dammage to non
Ther befid ye'eas It wold be to All heer, & on pub-
lick office In Town wold ferve me for: Recording y^t too, I
Beg Ther friendship & thyn may be Conteanned To him
who conteannes to Be to you All A Cordiall weal wifher
And

Truly Loving ffriend

JOHN SKENE

Thow Maj^r Gen^l

will not fell his Hors but If
he pleases to fend some of his
best meares to him they shall
goe In his enclofur with his
own & on His on Bounds viz
winthrops, excūs extraordenare
Heaft ells I wold have wrot
to himself, as allso Jno waft
& Jam: Graham.¹⁷

MR. RANDOLPH TO THE LORDS OF TRADE.

New York Colonial Documents, Vol. III. p. 567.

New Yorke Oct^{br} y^e 8. 1688.

May it please y^r Lordf^{ps}.

In obedience to Your Lordf^{ps} commands I humbly repre-
sent to your Lordf^{ps} that His Excellencie S^r Edm^d Andros
in the months of Aprill and May last visited the English
forts plantations and fettlements all along the sea fide &
upon y^e great rivers, from Piscataqua to Panopscott eastward
distant

¹⁷ MSS. mutilated.

distant from Boston about 200 miles; and ordred the cheife of all the Indians inhabiting those partes, to attend him, which they accordingly did. He commanded them to call home their young men & not suffer them to run to the French, and to live quietly with the English their neighbours, assuring them protection from those would harm them, & if not able to defend themselves, to come and live in the English townes: and left that country in great peace.

Upon His Excellencyes return to Boston His Ma^{ties} gracious commission for the annexing the Province of New York and y^e East & West Jerseys to his Ma^{ties} territory of N. England; whereupon he addressed himselfe to that service with all convenient speed, and being accompanied with severall of the members of His Ma^{ties} Councill, arrived at New Yorke on Saterday y^e 11th of August last; being mett by a regiment of foot and a troop of horse belonging to that place; His Ma^{ties} commission was read in y^e Fort and afterwards published at y^e Citty Hall, and immediately His Excellence sent for and received from Coll. Dongan the Seal of the late Gov^t which was defaced and broaken in Councill; then a Proclamation for continuing the revenue, and all persons civill & military in their respective offices till further order was published.

From thence His Excellence with severall of the Councill fet forward for East Jarsey and arriving at Elizabeth Town belonging to that Province, on Wednesday following His Ma^{ties} commission was ther published and also the proclamation for continuing the revennue and civill and military officers till further order: and on y^e 18th being Saterday
His

His Ma^{ties} Commiffion was likewise read at Burlington the cheife town in Weft Jarfey and the proclamation alfo. The out places of both Provinces very thinly inhabited & not one military officer in all Weft Jarfey. They all fhewed their great fatisfaction in being under His Ma^{ties} immediate Gov^t.

Upon ye 29th following Coll. Dongan fent to y^e Councill an account of £6482 . 7^s . 11½d, money laid out in the late expedition to Albany: he defired it might be audited and allowed and that the money might be raifed and paid to him, to enable him to pay his neceffary difburfements. The Councill upon ferious debate refolved That they had not power to inspect the accounts of the late Gov^t nor to appoint an Auditor thereof; but in regard feveral officers and fouldiers raifed by Coll: Dongan for His Ma^{ties} fervice at Albany (and difbanded before His Excell. entring upon that Gov^t) applied to His Excellence for their pay, the Councill ordered that if Coll: Dongan would fend them word what fums of money were due to the feveral officers & fouldiers, fpeedy care fhould be taken to fatisfye them; and that Order was accordingly delivered to Coll. Dongan, who has not thought fitt to comply therewith, but even to the laft day of His Excell^{cs} ftay in N. York, has continued to preffe for an audite and allowance of his accounts.

Upon reading in Councill fome papers tranfmitted from y^e Mayor and Aldermen of Albany to Coll: Dongan, and alfo a letter of y^e 20th of Auguft laft from Mount^r Denonville Gov^r of Canada, it appeared that all was not well with the 5 Nations or Cantons of y^e Indians. Whereupon it was thought fitt that His Excellence fhould forthwith go to
Albany.

Albany. All things were made ready and about 50 Soldiers to go with the Gov^r, and stores of powder and armes putt aboard to supply the Fort, and on y^e 30th of August, with severall of the Councill embark'd for Albany; where the 5 Nations, having notice that His Excellence was come, sent their Cheife Warriors and many of the principall men amongst them to bid His Excell. welcome into the country. They complained of many hardships done them by the French in tyme of peace and prayd to be redressed. His Excellence told there was a cessation of armes, that they must carry themselves freindly to y^e French; commanding them to deliver up all their French captives, and promised that he would take care of them. They forthwith delivered to His Excell. a French Child, ten months their prisoner, and assured His Excell. to send the rest so soon as the weather and the length of the way would admitt; and so returned to their homes well satisfied.

Severall Indians living on both sides Hudson's River came to His Excellence, some at Albany, & others at a town nigh the River called Kingstone (where Coll. Mason a member of the Councill and a loyall gentⁿ dyed and was buried;) he commanded them to demean themselves quietly towards y^e Christians their neighbours, invited such of them as were married and gone else where, to return with their families, and that if they wanted land, it should be laid out for them in convenient places.

During this His Excellence's progresse, newes is brought that five of His Ma^{ties} Indian subjects were killed at Spectacle Pond neere Springfield in y^e colony of Connecticut, and soon after, of six Christians murdered at Northfield,
about

about 60 miles distant from that place, done by eleaven Indians belonging to y^e French, and since the tyme the Gov^r of Canada sent from y^e King his master the Articles of Ceffation to Coll. Dongan. Upon which His Excell. has, amongst other things of import for His Ma^{ties} service, demanded of y^e Gov^r of Canada the eleaven murtherers to be sent to him.

That morning His Excellence arrived at New Yorke from Albany, he had advice that men were raised at Boston without his order, and sent to Casco Bay to assist the Christians against the Indians who had committed some disorders there aboutes; all which and the uncertainty of reports from the Eastward, engages His Excellence to go from N. Yorke overland to Boston (intending to visite Northfield Springfield and other townes alarum'd by those mischeifes) to prevent a second Indian warr.

All which is humbly submitted

By your Lord^{ships} most humble

& obedient servant,

ED. RANDOLPH Sec'ry.

RANDOLPH TO JOHN POVEY.

State Papers, Colonial, Bundle 55 (377).

Boston Oct. 19th 1688.

S^r

hearing how furiously M^r Mather & his friends now at Whitehall driue on Sparing none in y^e Gom^t I thinke it not vnseasonable to represent to your view Such papers as I haue by me by which you may inform yourselfe & others of the man
his

his qualitties & especially his loyalty : you haue N^o. one a Copy of M^r. Roffes letter directed to me at y^e Plantation Office in which was inclosed the paper N^o. 2 : being a Copy of M^r. Mathers letter to M^r. Gouge Minister at Amsterdam : of which S^r. Roger Le 'Strang by his present Ma^{ties} directions tooke per- ticuler notice in his Observators. M^r. Mather hath done all hee could to cast that paper vpon me as the Author & be- sides his publick discourses ag^t me in all Companies here, he has (as he thinkes) Sufficienly proved it & also vindicated himfelfe by his letter to M^r. Dudley N^o. 3 : which is full of his Christian frame & Temper & abounds with his Chari- table Expreffions as the other to M^r. Gouge dos with loyalty.

Now tho' he has thus with his Bellarmine thou lyeft made me to be the Author of that libellous paper : yet I am able to make the Contrary appeare by feuerall materiall passages in that paper : — the Kings desiring as they say a Surrender of their Charter was like Ahabs requiring Naboths vineyard : — the very words he spake publickly in a full assembly at the Town house in Boston when all the ffreemen & others were mett to advise about a Surrender of their Charter. I haue a Cloud of Witneses to proue it : & M^r. Wharton then of another Kidney was present & vpon hearing Such expref- fions left the meeting in a great heat, and if any Sparke of honesty left in a man who opposes all govern^t he cannot Denye but he was present & heard Mather make that dis- course. I fend you N^o. 4 : & N^o. 5 Copyes of two of Mathers letters to Amsterdam the originalls are now with me : to proue his Correspondence with Gouge & Keck both men- tioned in his letter to M^r. Gouge : persons whose names habi- tations or qualitties I never knew till I had a Copy of that letter :

letter: and as a further Confirmation of Mr Mathers anti-monarchicall principles (what euer he now intends) I referr you to the Booke called the Case of y^e Maffachufetts Charter, Sent also to S^r Roger lestrang by his present Ma^{tie} wrote by Mather & Moode, a Copy whereof I fhall transmitt to you in a little tyme : & would desire no greater favour then to be admitted to discouer the malitious principles of the party who now Crye out oppreffion : whenas by all their lawes & practices there haue not yet been heard of a poeple more tyrannicall & Arbitrary. This his Ma^{tie} vpon the repeated Complaints of his persecuted Subjects of imprifonments whippings banishments difmembrings & losse of all their Goods & liues has been pleased graciously to remedy by granting a Commiffion of Gom^t etc : & taking the whole Country into his immediate care & protection, & now the Sammedrim being thereby putt out of their Magifteriall Regiment of affaires both civill Ecclesiasticall & Military : they are vneafye. As to Mr Nowell of whom I wrote you largely I referr you to his printed Sermon Called Abraham in Armes : and now if these mens principles are the best demonstration of Loyalty I desire to be accounted still a diffenter from fuch Good lord deliuer S^r your humble Seruant

EDRANDOLPH.

Cap^t Palmer is made a Judge
& supplyes the vacancy of Mr Bulkley.

[In another hand.]

Remark: Vid : Vol. 5. p. 83. Abraham Kicks addrefs to the Princefs of Orange On behalf of the Church and People of New England, Dated Hague 1st february 89. N. S. ;
wherein

wherein he fays: " I haue ventured on their behalf (*having had a Correspondency with said people many Years*, and Knowing how Much they will Suffer if their New Governor be not speedily removed) to give your Royal Highness the trouble of these lines " ———

[*Addressed*] To John Povey Esqr
 at the Plantation Office
 Whitehall!

[*Endorsed*] N : England.
 19. Oct: 1683. [*sic*]
 From M^r Randolph
 Rec^d 1 Dec : 1683 [*sic*]
 with Copies of M^r Mathers
 letters to Amsterdam : in
 83 & 84.

FRANCIS NICHOLSON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 248.

New-Yorke October y^e 21st 1688.

S^r:

I received your Letter of the 9th instant for which I returne you my hearty thanks This place is like both to Laith and Athens butt itt comes far short of the last being noe learned Citty foe you must not expect that I can send you an Epistle to divert you butt rather to condole that your office is as little frequented as our church is. Jacob Morrify intends to morrow or next day to sayle Coronel Dongan is this day gone for Hampsteade. They say that a Privateer (belonging to the ffrench of about a hundred and twenty men and twenty Guns) is att Newcastle noe vessell
gone

gone out onely Mr. Philips Brigantine loaded with provisions & some other trade she cleared for Newcastle and Jamaica. Here is come in a Pinke from Barbadoes a Brigantine from Carolina a small boate from Bermudas a Dogger with logwood they bring little news and not much more Merchandise abating eighty tunns of Logwood. You writt me to assiste Mr Cortland which you may be sure when itt concerns your selfe itt shall be readily done. The Secretarys office here you thinke is eclipsed butt I hope in the Springe the Sun will enlighten itt according to your desire I have inquired what ffees and perquisites now paide to the Governo^r and finde that a License for marryinge in ten Shillings and the like sum for moste things which are given under the Governours hand and private Seale ffor the Passes of Vessells bound for Europe halfe to the Governo^r which is ten shillings if to any other place alsoe the halfe which is five shillings I am informed these sums have beene taken by Coronel Dongan and others I shall lett the money ly in Mr Cortlands hands till I heare from you ffor as I would doe Justice to all men soe would doe itt to my selfe and to my Successors soe pray lett me hear from you upon that businesse I hope you will be soe kinde as to send me the news and in doeing of itt you will extraordly oblige him who is your moste assured friend

and Servant

FFR: NICHOLSON

S^r I pray give my humble service to all our friends and acquaintances and send the inclosed letters I hope our friend Usher will not be wheadled out of his place therefore
doe

doe you putt him in minde of itt my service to M^r Rattclyffe
and to the Gentlemen of Salem when you see them.

JOHN SKEENE TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 259.

Peachfield, near Bur . .

y^e 26^t of y^e 8^t mon . .

Esq^r Randolph

Much Esteemed ffriend

Since my Last to the p^r phill: Ritchards Marchant In New
York I have Receaved thyn but of and old dait & so bat-
terd & torn In ye Cover that all was In ye packet wer
Known in East Jersey or they cam heer naither neaded I to
open ye seales But take Commiffion & Leter etc out at ye
end of the wraper, however being there was no secret It was
Lefs maiter. I Look on my selfe verie much oblidge to
thy Kindnes, & shoud not be A Litle Glade to Embrace
Ane oportunity By which I might substantially Demonftrat
the Inclination I have to Requit It I cannot but Return my
thanks for the pains thou took In wreating the news & fend-
ing the Gazetts for It is most satisfactore to me to Know the
tranfactions In Ewrope & If at spair owers, thou shall be
pleased, In Like maner to devert my Rurall soletude It will
be A Great addition to former obligations. I was verie Glad
to Hear of ye Go^{rs} safe Return together with [others?] who
cam with him from Albanie, But I was Realy fore when I
Red of that kind Gentlemans death viz Coll Mafon, who
the others wer I Know . . But I could hav wished If It
had been Gods will that . . who waited upon y^e Go^r
Abroad had convey'd him h . . I fent & Delivered thy Let-
ters

ters to ye Respective Recorders But In place of the Records of Deeds conveyances & furvayes of Lands I have Receaved the Inclofed Leter Which I thought Good to fend, — he mentioneth proprietors but I fopose he scairce consulted A dofn of the wholl n^r: & even some of thos he mentioneth have told me since that they did but wait to have the Knowledg of the Go^{rs} pleasur there In befor they wold proceed to Giue ther Consents to the delivere of them. I have Intimat & produced my Commition to Tho: Revell but with the same succefs, as when I deliverd him thy Letter; how soon occation serves I shall doe the same to John Reading & Samth hodg, which Is all the service I can doe for thee In this Afair, till such time as Thou vindicat thy title — which I Reackon may be Quicklay done as for the Rolls & Records he profers to deliver me at Burlingtone I Know no other he hath savd the old minuts of the Asembly which are but in Loos peapers too & the Law Book Which [yie?] sealed up, as for wills & Testaments He confeffeth he hath no Record of them but hath Kept the princpalls in Bundles, which method If It be; to be conteanued or not I desir to receav thy derections, — which accordingly shall be obeyed. I should Redilly obey thy desir In wreating to the Go^r had I any thing of moment to Impairt unto Him. But Knowing how throng he Is In Būfines I shall not presūme to . . Him, only I Request when convenient opportunity — presen . . Give Him My Deutyfull Respects, & Let Him Know . . . y^e Remembrance I have (& shall still Retaine) of his favors . . . do make me Long for ane occasion to serve . im, Which shall allwayes be Imbract with A zeal that . . Give place but to A few Who are under His

Goverment.

Goverment. My Respects allso pray Give to president Dūdly Jn^o weth my cuntriemen James Graham & B: Brown with the Rest of my Aquaintance shew ye president His friend Doc^r Cox hath Lost His Agent who Dayd about A 4^t night agoe But He Is Like to come by A Greater Losf by A Bargain ye agent mad on his Death bed In felling A 1300 t^bs Cargo which was just Arived from ye Doctor so much under the Reall Value as I ame Informed he Did ye verie night befor he dayed, I have Receaved no advice concerning ye navall office, nor Know we what fees to take for want of y^e Table — which pray send per nixt, I fopos that propofall concerning making out A post way to Amboy is deserted for want of ordering how & at whos charrg It should be done; I shall not Enlaire further at pnt but arfter I have told thee my wife presents her Respects To Thy selfe I shall Remaine

Thy Trew Affectionat
And
Much Oblidged ffriend

JOHN SKENE¹⁸

RANDOLPH TO WILLIAM PENN.

[EXTRACT]

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Vol. VIII. p. 531.

Nov. 9. 1688.

This Barbarous people [the Indians] were never civilly treated by the late Governm^t, who made it their Bufiness to encroach upon their Lands, & by Degrees to drive them
out

¹⁸ MSS. mutilated.

out of all. That was the ground & the Beginning of the last War. His Excell. has all along taken other measures with them. I hope the proclamation, & the Indian's confidence in the Govern^{rs} favour to such as shall submit, may putt a stop to their present Rage.

I hear M^r Mather and such like men of Antimonarchical principles at home, are complaining against mee. I confess, if being the occasion of subverting their old Arbitrary governm^t (& thereby putting a stop to the persecuting spirit raging every where in this countrey) bee a crime, I must submit.

MATTHEW PLOWMAN TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 293.

New Yorke the 14: 9^{re} 88

S^r

I rec^d yours of the 3:d. by which find that the disturbance occasioned by the Indians to the Eastward as a person vigilant in his Maj^{ties} service attended his Excel^y and hope that men and vessells sent thither will in short time disperse those murdering villins — yesterday arrived Cap^t Humprey Ayles with his Clearing in which find his Tunnidge two hundred Tunnes but altered the hundred, I am satisfied shee is about 200 Tunnes, when I questioned the thing hee tells me was altered in y^e office, and that his onely wood take powder mony, onely for a hundred soe that you will fauor me to lett me know the certanty likewise must intreate your kindnesse to send Two quires of Certificates printed, likewise two quires of the innumerated Comodities, and what they
cost

coft upon y^r notice fhall fatisfie; the Scoch vefell lately that came to Amboyes an unfree vefell *David Modey* owner and Comander feafed there, burden fixty Tunnes but as I am informed very old and very indiferantly found; as by there privelige will condeme her there but Capt Hamilton for his one fecurity will fecure the king's part I thanck you for your nufe, here have very little more that as your friends are well and prefent there fervice with mine to his Exce^{ly} M^r Graham M^r Weft Col. Lidgett M^r Macarty M^r Usher and the honeft Sheriffe Shurlock not forgetting the two Lawyers that were heere and to your felfe am

y^r moft humble ferv^t

MATHEW PLOWMAN

FRANCIS NICHOLSON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 294.

New Yorke November y^e 15th 1688

My good ffriend

I received on Monday both your letters and finde my felfe mightily obliged to you for the account of affaires fent in them. I hope you will be foe kinde as to let me heare from you how things goe, eſpecially if any relate to my felfe. As to what concerns any difference betwixt his Ex^{cy} and me I know noe juſt reaſon I have given, nor hope fhall not, though may be you gueſs aright when thinke w^y there hath been endeavours uſed to make me believe y^t I have not foe many ffriends, as pretend to be foe. What the Lawyers ſay I thinke may not paſs for an oracle, none of them haveing ſtudied at Delphos. The favour his Ex^{cy} did
me

me at the Council boarde, I am obliged to him for it. But your being soe kinde as to tell me what you write is private, I will not take any notice of it to his Ex^{cy}. Pray send me word what you write as private y^t I may not pay acknowledgement, when not convenient, either for you or me, neither would I willingly omit paying them, when due. I am sorry to heare y^t you are not like to have £100 of the Wrecke money, but hope you may have it some other way. If I can be anywaies serviceable to you concerning your office here, be sure I will doe it. I have writt to his Ex^{cy} aboute the Pass money; but these are times for other affaires. You have taken away all the old acts, bookes of Council and bookes of Pattents, soe people comeing to have Coppies from those bookes, they not being here you loose by it. I hope your Lady is either recovered by this time, or else gone her long Journey. Pray be soe kinde when you write to [her?] friends in England, as to hinte to them about w^t our Lawyers say concerneing my Commission, for you can doe it best: seing you heare w^t they and others say: soe can best tell w^t they would be at. I send you the Survey of this place and Albany. The news of this place being publicke, I will not trouble you with it but Cap^t Lockhard will tell it, if you please. I beg the favour of you to enquire of Mr Kaine, when his Ex^{cy} sends the Rolls for England and then be pleased to give in mine. My Liev^{tn} and Ensigne should signe them but if not at hand, let Kaine aske his Ex^{cy} what must be done in that affaire. There is one Parchement and three Paper ones for each moneth beginning at August. If his Ex^{cy} will nott send all the five moneths, be pleased to keepe the Rolls of those moneths w^{ch} does not goe. I have
neither

neither dated the place nor time, for his Ex^{cy} must directe that bufineffe. If the trouble continue, I have writt to his Ex^{cy} that I may leave to come to your parts; but you need take noe notice of it. Haveing gott a little Albany beere (w^{ch} I hope will prove good) for I intend to fend you a barrell of it, by the first opportunity. I desire you would please to accept of it, as a small token comeing from your most faithfull ffriend and humble Servant

FFR. NICHOLSON

My humble service to all our ffriends and acquaintance and I hope the little Church and its Parson are both well.

S. V. CORTLANDT TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 296.

N. Yorcke 1688 November y^e 17th

S^r

Y^r kind Letter dated the 2^d off November I received am glad the [to?] heare y^r good health and that my son keeps him selfe well I hope next sumer to see him here againe. I give y^{ou} my harty thancks for y^r kindnesse and affection to mee & shall not be wanting thanckfully to acknowledge the same on all occasions. Severall people have been with me for Copies out of the records, but the bookes being with you, could not answer their desires. All the bufineffe in the secretaries office here is onely sometime a passe for the west-indian or a license for marriage and that is all so that all this winter there wil be nothing to doe. I spoke to Mr. Plowman about the Scoch Veffell at Amboy, he told mee you had writt to him about the same. I understand that
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thee is lett to goe to fiall [Fayal]. It is to be loaden by Mr. Leifler with pipe-ftaves. But Mr. Plowman can give mee noe acct whether the is condemned or cleared.

A veffell from Jamaica bring us the tidings of the Duke of Albemarle being dead and the corps fent to England.

All is woe here pray remember the poore people att Schenegytade, that they may be relieved off the burthen laid upon them by their neighbours.

if an Opportunity to write to England pray remember me kindly to Mr. Blaithwayt or any other you thinck that may be kind to mee & y^o will much oblige y^r freind & fer^t

S. V. CORTLAND.

FRANCIS NICHOLSON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 303.

Att ffort James New-Yorke December the 3^d 1688

S^r

I hope before this, you have had good fucceffe againft the Indians I am very much concerned not haveing hearde from your partes, fince the beginning of October, foe I have writt to M^r Ufher y^t if any extraordinary news from England or aboute the Indians that he would please to fend it me by the way of Roade-Ifland. I doe imagine you are gone, to the Eaftwarde with his Ex^{cy}, therefore if you will be foe kinde to write me pray fend it with M^r Ufhers. The little news we had, I hope Cap^t Lockhart has told you; for he promifed to finde you out. Our whalers have had pretty good luck, killing aboute Graves-End three large whales. On the eaft end aboute five or fix fmall ones. Cap. Webb

I

I heare is to be married tomorrow by ffather Smith to one widdow Hixs of Flushing; the wedding I thinke will be kept at her house. Wee have news y^t Nicholas de Morris is below at Sandyhooke; he comes from London, but noe news there is as yet, Cap^t Sellwicke is daily expected from London; as alsoe the Beaver from Barbadoes. When please God these shall arrive, I hope wee shall have some news by them. I desire you would please to be soe kinde as to let me heare from you (for at p^sent I am in a very longing condic^on) and in doing of it, you will infinitely oblige your affectionate ffriend

FFR. NICHOLSON

This is by one M^r Jackson of Barbadoes (who goes with Madam Palmer) and if you should be at Boston let me recomend him to you I hope you will doe me justice if you write to our ffriends in England.

y^e 4th The winde being easterly arrived here this morning Nicholas de Morris being eight weekes from the Isle of Wight but thirteen from London. She brings news of greate preparations in England wth greate talke of Warr betwixte ffrance and Holland. M^r Plowman heares the Scotch ship is condemned at Amboy & valued at thirty odd pounds I heare she is already disposed of The Collector hath a letter from the Commissioners of the Custome house aboute Scotch vessells being come into these partes and he supposes this to be her.

[*Endorsed*] Cap^t Nicholson
Dec. 3. 1688

S. V. CORTLANDT TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 304.

New Yorcke 1688 Dec. y^e 4th

S^r

Since my last nothing has happened worth to trouble you withall a vessell from England is arrived att Sandy Hooke but noe body come ashoare. The widdow Hix is to marry with Capt Webb the license is write but not signed wee have noe businesse att all in the Secretaries office for want of some Records. We long to hear from boston & how businesse goes to the eastward. We hear his Excell^{cy} is gone thither with 700 men wiether true or false wee know nott All is well here abouts.

My humble services to his Excell^{cy} and all our brothers

This is att p^sent all from

S^r y^r Reall friend & servant

S. V. CORTLANDT

To M^r Randolph Esq^r

PRINTED CLEARANCE.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 308.

Customs House Boston
in *New England*,

These may Certifie all whom it doth or may concern that
Capt Edward Lock Master or Commander of the Ship or
Vessel called the *prince of Wales* of *Boston* Burden *one hun-*
dred Tonns or thereabouts mounted with *six* Guns, Navi-
gated with *ffourteen* men *plant a* Built, *shipp* is bound hence
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for *London* having on Board *ffifty Eight hhds of molasses*
seaven hhds one barrell & one bundle of skins thirty six hhds
of musc^o Sug^r foure hhds Eight barrells of Tobacco Two bar-
rells & two halfe barrells of Indigoe One thousand three
hundred twenty foure sticks of Loggwood six tonns of Bazaletto
wood thirty six sticks of lignumvite sixteene hhds dry ffish ffif-
teene barrells & Tenn halfe barrells of Cranberrys fourteene
baggs of hopps & eighteen thousand feete of Deale board
 hath entred and Cleared his said Vessel & Goods at his Maj-
 esties Custome-House according to Law, Given un-
 [SEAL] der my hand and Seal of Office this *eighteenth* day
 of *Decemb^r* in the *Fourth* year of His Majesties
 Reign, Annoque Domini 1688.

ED. RANDOLPH Coll.

S. V. CORTLANDT TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

*Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 304.*N : Yorcke 1688 Dec. 22ndS^r

Although we have but little matter to write, neverthelesse
 I can not omitt to pay my respects & acquaint you off our
 welfare and thatt all is wel here except that the sicknesse con-
 tinues still w^{ch} has taken severall people out off the world.

I spoke to M^r Plowman a^{bt} the ship condemned at Am-
 boy; he has taken care about her. She is lett to M^r Laifler
 & loaden to faile for fyall to fetch wines & after safe arrivall
 may be expected here againe in Aprill I doe not doubt but
 he has given you a full acc^t thereof.

Wee have but little businesse in the office being not the
 time

time off the yeare for it hope it will better in the spring,
my fervice to his Excellency & to y^rfelfe from y^r Reall frind
& Servant

S. V. CORTLANDT

SIR EDMUND ANDROS TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p.316.

Pemaquid y^e: 26th Jan^y 1688[9]

S^r

I have received y^{rs} of the 15th and 19th instant by Maj^r
Brockley and expresse with the Albany letters, all well, &
now Answer of 20th and all else here refer y^{ou} to M^r West
the bearer hereof hoping the officers wilbe carefull and all
do well westward, where I shall nott delay returning, as soon
as the state of these parts will admitt itt, am sorry to hear
you were nott well, and ought to keep in till p^rfect recovered
know nott what to thinck that the Gabriell Ketch M^r Buck-
ley master is nott arrived hope is well having had no very
bad weather, tho some thick snowing times I am

y^r affectionate humble

servant

M^r Randolph

E. ANDROS.

G. MUSCHAMP TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 335 [18 February 1688 $\frac{8}{9}$]

Worthy S^r

Tho a stranger being concerned in this Province on his
Maties behalf to receive the Dutys and haveing heard of
yo^r

yo^r zeale towards his Maties service I must needs say I have a respect to you my inclination from the very cradle been bent to Loyalty foe that I take this freedom to creat tho at a distance some acquaintance that you will (if any small errors happen between this Port and yours) you will interpret them to the best advantage I must needs say this office is of little value the trade of the country being but small however I know not in any one perticular that I failed unless in the case of Mr Tyler w^{ch} was the fault of one of my deputies the said Tyler haveing justly paid the duties and entred into bond with security according to Law Sir let me entreat you to excuse this impertinent scrole and believe me to be

Yo^r fervant at Command

G. MUSCHAMP

If M^r Graham be in Boston pray present my service to him and let him know I would write to him if I were certaine of his being there

M^r Afhly speaks very respectfully of you

ROBERT LIVINGSTON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 334.

Alb. 18th feb. 1688

Hon^d S^r

My last to you was y^e 11th instant by an expresse over land, since when by a letter of M^r Graham, dated y^e 2^d instant (y^t came to my hands y^e 19th) I heard of y^r being well & y^t y^{ou} had writt effectually in my favor to England wth y^e Ship Prince of Wales for which am infinitely obliged. I wish I could study any way to shew my self gratefull. I writt you
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at large in my laſt of y^e 11th inſtant how backward y^e People were in paying of y^r fees & y^t y^r Commiſſion officers have writt to them of N: Yorke to ſee if they p^d & they ſay they will not pay & therefore ours will not. I deſired M^r Graham to writt a line to our May^r & if you would doe y^e ſame it would doe well y^t he once could be but ſatified y^t it was according to y^e eſtabliſhed fee, then I ſhould have no more trouble with them but compell them every on, all which I ſhall expect at y^e return of y^e expreſſe. I deſign about y^e 7 or 8 march to go for N: Yorke to ſee what Col Dongan will doe about my buſineſſe who is much offended at me: I wiſh I knew how to act cautiously in it, I ſhall not trouble y^{ou} farther at preſent but remain ſince y^e Indian haſtene to be gone

Your ever obliged Serv^t

ROB^t LIVINGSTON.

M^r Randolph

ROBERT LIVINGSTON TO EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Maſſachuſetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 350.

Alb. 22 March 1688

My very Dear frinde

Since my laſt to y^u of y^e 11th of feb. I rec^d both y^{rs} of y^e 11 & 23 Jan^y y^e 21st of laſt month am forry y^u were from home when my laſt came to Boſton being ſent a purpoſe for adviſe in y^e caſe of Col. Dongan who now has left off his reſolution off going home wth y^e Beaver tendring y^e Shipe back again & y^e owners butt whatever y^e deſigns he has is unknowne ſome ſuſpects will goe to Maryland after he has ſecured his eſtate & ſo leave his creditors to condole his abſence. I
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have thought upon y^r good advise of y^e 23 Jan^y & know not it may be my best way when all is done have therefore write to my frinds Graham & West for a writt from y^e Superior Court [Blank] & doe intend to goe to N: Yorke speedily & if he will not by faire means comply & give me security then I must arrest him or attach his estate as my frinds best can advise me. It is a great hardship I am putt to & y^t for all my estate y^t I have in y^e world, for if I should loose this all y^t I have & could gett all my life time would not pay my debts. It is y^e people money & my owne I have ventured to doe Col. Dongan a kindnesse but he ill requites it. I know not but he may be more calm now. Pray keep this private. I need not inform y^u of y^e efforts of y^e unnaturall warr att home w^h y^u will have brought & confirmed from all parts so y^t there is a total Revolution att home. God send peace in our land again & prevent y^e effusion of more Christian blood. Pray S^r if it lyes wth y^r Convenience let me have a line from you either to N: Yorke where I am bounde or for Alb. w^h will suddenly be conveyed. I have often writt to M^r Graham & M^r West for y^e list of fees but have nott gott y^u y^e officers as I often writt before deny to pay y^e accustomed fees for these Commissions because they of N: Yorke write they have not paid any. Now S^r my dear frinde one word of advise now is worth a thousand anot^r time for am now in extremity I know y^u have taken great pains already, I beg y^e continuance of y^r favor & if all goe well (else I am a poor creture) then I shall demonstrate my felfe wth all integrity to be M^r Randolphs

Ever obliged & devoted Serv^t to command

ROB^t LIVINGSTON
COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXIX. p. 354.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber in Boston on Wednesday the 27th day of March 1689

Present: His Exce^{ty} S^r Edmund Andros Kn^t &c. Joseph Dudley, W^m Stoughton, Wait Winthrop, John Usher, Edward Randolph, John Palmer, Nathaniel Clarke, Sam^{ll} Shrimpton

Ordered That the Treafurer do fatisfy his Exceth. for his salary out of his Ma^{tie} Revenue till X^tmas laft past.

A true copy as appears in the minutes of Council

Exam^d p Is^a ADDINGTON Sec^{ry}.

RECOMMENDATION OF JOSEPH [JOSHUA?] DOWNING BY
EDWARD RANDOLPH.

Massachusetts Archives, Vol. CXXVIII. p. 164.

Aprill: 13 : 89 :

S^r:

The bearer hereof Joseph Downing of Kittery¹⁹ is an honest & loyall man & my old acquaintance. Coth. Mason delivered his petition for 200 acres of Land in Kittery nigh his dwelling house & the Coth. by y^e Gov^{rs} order appointed a survey of it: which tho' not so regular yet as well as could be then done: pray give him your favour & assistance by finding

¹⁹ Joshua Downing of Kittery, Province of Maine, petitioned on April 16th, 1688, for confirmation of forty acres of land and also for an additional grant

of one hundred and sixty acres. See *Massachusetts Archives*, Vol. CXXVIII. p 164.

finding out his petition & obtaining for him a regular proceeding & you will thereby oblige S^r

your humble Ser^{vt}

E. RANDOLPH.

SPEEDY SETTLEMENT NECESSARY.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book 109, p. 209.

At the Committee for Trade & Plantations

In the Council-Chamber at White Hall

Friday the 26 : of April 1689.

Present: Lord President, Lord Privy Seal, Duke of Bolton, S^r Hen : Capel.

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 . . . Their Lo^{ps} will alsoe move His Ma^{ty} for the
 New Engl^d speedy setling such a Government in New England, New York and the Jerseys, as, vpon recalling S^r Edmund Andros, may enable the English there, not only to oppose, by their vnited Forces, the French of Canada and Nova Scotia; but to carry on such farther designs as His Majesty may find requisit; Without w^{ch} Vnion and Government the French may easily possesse themselves of that Dominion and the Trade of those Parts.

MR. RANDOLPH TO THE GOVERNOR OF BARBADOS.

Collection of Papers, by T. Hutchinson, Prince Society, Vol. II. p. 314.

Goal in Boston, May 16. '89

Sir,

By a heady multitude possessed with jealousyes that our Governor, Sir Edmund Andros, was a Papist and intended
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to bring on the French and Indians to cut off the inhabitants, a generall insurrection was intended and so perfected on the 18th of Aprill last, that the Governor, hoping to secure himself in our fort, missed an opportunity of going aboard the *Rose* frigott, then at anchor in the harbour, and so, being overpowered, wee were taken prisoners of warr, as the silly multitude told us. This proceeded from a dayly expectation (that one Mather, one of their ministers in Boston, had raised by his letters to them from court in the height of popery) of a new charter. I know he or any other (having first subscribed to repealing their penall lawes and test) might for their money obtain fair promises of, and he had so far prevailed with Sir Thomas Powis, atturney generall, that he had obtained a report in their favour, vpon many false suggestions, which, immediately on the P. of Orange his intending to visit the Court of England vanished; however, he had no other engine to draw supplies of money from the dissatisfied party here, but to feed them up with assurances of a new and much larger charter. They were impatient at his delay and, hearing the newes that all papists were either secured or fled out of England, and would not believe but Sir Edmund was a papist and his commission arbitrary and calculated onely for the suppressing all persons of a different perswasion; they caballed and accordingly executed their principall resolutions: They have not yet sent to England, expecting Mather, their Mahomett, or at least particular orders from court, which will not operate here unlesse consonant to their humours. We have, at this day, above 100 persons equally concerned as conservators of the peace, but their power signifies nothing, further
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than it pleases the people; sometyes they are for having their old magistrates reassume their former government; sometyes to form a new modell of government; but their being many more ready (and of necessity disposed) to pull down than build up, they know not what to be att: Some, that have estates and shipping abroad, feare they have done more than they can answer, believing other governments will treat them as revoltors from their allegiance, and give them neither protection nor lett them depart till they have orders from home how to treat them. This you may please to communicate to the other governments leeward of you, to whom I have not an opportunity to write, who, I am well assured, will also highly resent it, and so will the present constitution at home, whoever be in the throne, and not suffer so high an indignity to be putt upon the most authentick authority any Prince can give his subjects for their security and protection whilst they act by a power confirmed by the broad seal. God onely knowes how affaires stand at home. I am confident they will never part with me, unlesse demanded, by a force or their ships stoped in the plantations till I am delivered up for their liberty and license to trade. This country is poor, the exact execution of the acts of trade hath much impoverished them; all the blame lyes upon me, who first attacked and overthrew their charter, and was made the officer to continue their Egyptian servitude, by my office of collector &c. I intreat you to represent my state to the Earls of Clarendon and Rochester, by the first opportunity, and that the Governor and I may be sent for home by some frigotts. I must confesse there have been ill men from New-York, who have too much studded the
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the disease of this people, and both in courts and councils they have not been treated well. However, nothing done can amount to countenance such an open rebellion, and, were I in England, I must advise a generall pardon, many hundred of innocent persons being forced to act, otherwise to be imprisoned; and the Kingdome of England cannot loose this Country nor govern it without some respect and allowance to the weakness of those who are mislead and the force of education and the byas of common prejudices: However, we are, at present, as much distracted and as far from cementing into any sort of government as at the building of Babel. God onely keeps them from destroying us.

You will have one Robert Glanvill from Salem, master of a ketch, he was imprisoned here, for an abettor of pyrates and was imprisoned with 7 pyrates, he can tell you their names; he brought into this country 3700 and odd Spanish hides, robb'd from a Portugesse vessell, the men thrown overboard, with other goods to the value of about 2000*l*. This is all proved by sufficient witnesses and they kept in goal till some particular order from Sir Robert Holmes. About Oct. last, he sent his commission to the Governor and myselfe, dated to 26 Aug. 88. which we receiving not till November, and the Governor and I staying to the eastward till the limite was past, could not agree upon a method of proceeding against them, in regard they stood upon their justification, but rather, wee could not be assured of a jury that would find against them, upon the most evident prooffe, but now they are at liberty, have their goods, and perhaps may bring some of the hides, or barrels of small barrs of copper to your island; However, I think the Ketch is forfeited

feited for bringing in the pyrates and their goods to this country, knowing the men to be such, for Glanvill, in his Ketch, sayled in company with the pyrates, in the vessell they tooke, as far as New England; he went to Salem, appointed to meet them at Port a Bear, in Nova Scotia, and did so and carried them supplies and provisions; when they burned the vessell and brought away the goods in this Ketch and other vessels. This I heartily refer to your conduct and privacy, my life lying at stake for the least discovery. I cannot trust Mr. Rudger, father in law to Mr. West, with us, who has been a great instrument in imposing upon this people.

Sir, I wish you all happiness and remain Sir your humble servant,

ED. RANDOLPH.

EDWARD RANDOLPH TO DR. WILLIAM SANCROFT ARCH-
BISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

New England Historical Genealogical Register, Vol. XXXVII. p. 273.

Boston: in New England May 28th
1689.

May it please your Grace —

I humbly recommend to your Grace by the bearer hereof Mr Ratcliffe our Minister above 3 yeares; the Sad & distracted Condition of this Ministry of New England occasioned by a discontented party who on y^e 18 of Aprill last tooke Armes seized upon the ffort Castle & Rose ffrigott at anchor in the Harbour in Boston, they have imprisoned y^e Gov^r in the fort under a strict Gard, they keep me in the
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common Gaol, giving out he is a Papist & that I have committed Treason. Their printed Papers which Mr Ratcliffe will present to your Grace will give an account of their actions, but nothing therein thats justly charged. They had a desire to return to their former Gov^t & proposed this as the onely meanes, which they have so unhappily accomplished that they have endangered the losse of the whole country, for the ffrench our neighbors have above 4000 able Souldiers with the Indians now in open warrs against us sett on by y^e french & have onely waited for an opportunity to enter upon a larg part of this Colony included in their Grant from y^e ffrench King who now proposes to make himselfe master of the Beaver trade & of all the fishery upon y^e coast of Nova Scotia. I heare Mr Mather a Minister in Boston & others are soliciting hard for a new charter; having applyed to Mr Brent & Sir Thomas Powis late Attorney Gen^l & had then by them the promise of it but I hope I may have his Maj^{ties} Commands to come for England & shew the Reason why their former was vacated & shew the Great & irrepairable losse that will attend the Crown upon Granting it, not but that such grievances as they complaine of may & ought to be redressed, when sufficiently proved before y^e Gov^r who can make his defence for what they have charged upon him as maleadministration: It's true he has endeavoured to have the Acts of Parlia^t, relating to trade & navigation duly observed & prevented their going out to rob in the Spanish W: Indies & harbour pyrates as formerly: this is the bottom & ground of all their complaints & this liberty they court & Sue for under the name of a Charter: They have sett at liberty 7 pyrats in this Goal, for murther & destroying

stroying 8 Spaniards & taking their ships & loading worth above 2000£ & have sold lately powder & ammunition to the french & Indians in warr with us, who are come into the province of Maine, kill destroy & burn what they left standing last winter, the present Gov^t having withdrawn all the forces left there in very good forts, well man'd by the Gov^r S^r Ed^d Andros & kept them under such restraint & want that the Indians would have been forced to sue for peace upon any Termes before this tyme. This I humbly submit to your Graces consideration humbly intreating the favour that I may be sent for home to answer the crimes laid to my charge & my accusers to come & prosecute me in any of the courts in England that I may not after all my difficulties & hardships rot to death in a nasty Goal for my faithful Service to the Crown. I intreat your Graces pardon for this hasty paper and am in all Duty, your Graces most humble & most obedient servant.

E^d RANDOLPH.

I have to add that M^r Mather has published here a booke called "the Idolatry of y^e Common prayer worship" which renders all of us of that church obnoxious to the common people who account us popish & treat us accordingly. M^r Ratcliffe can say more of it. I intended to present one of these bookes to y^r Grace, but my books & papers & writings are all seized upon in hopes to discover a popish plott.

E. R.

The bearer hereof M^r Ratcliffe was above 3 yeares ago recommended to us by my Lord Bishop of London. He is a very sober Gentleman has gott us a church built & a large

large Congregation, but now he is forced to come for England to solicit for the enlargement of many of his constant hearers imprisoned for no other reason but because they were of the church of England which I hope his Majesty by your Graces favour will be pleased to encourage & countenance otherwise these poore people are by their open profession so long as they, or this present distracted Gov^t continues exposed to all contumely & hardships in their estates and liberties. of this M^r Ratcliffe can give you^r Grace a full account.

E: RANDOLPH.

MR. RANDOLPH TO THE LORDS OF TRADE.

New York Colonial Documents, Vol. III. p. 578, 29 May, 1689.

To the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee for Trade & Foreign Plantacôns.

A short narrative of the present unfettled State of his Ma^{tys} territory and dominion of New England, and of the imminent danger of its being overrun by the French Forces in Canada, if not timely prevented: humbly presented by Edward Randolph.

May it please yo^r Lordships.

Upon the eighteenth day of Aprill last the people of this country being prepossessed with strange feares and jealousyes against S^r Edmund Andros Gov^r and some of the members of the Council, took armes, and in a short time made themselves masters of the fort, castle and Rose frigott. They seized upon the Gov^r and committed him to strict guard in the Fort, Some they sent to the Castle, and imprisoned me
and

and others in the common goale in Boston. The reasons of their suddain proceedings are published in their printed papers herewith humbly transmitted N^o 1. 2.

Since which much time hath bin spent in consulting with the mobile what modell of government to erect, as by their papers N^o 3. 4. But your Lord^{ps} will finde by their paper N^o 5. that they intend to reassume and act according to the rules of their former Charter.

My Lords. There were some persons inhabitants of Boston attending last yeare at Whitehall who under pretence of grievances and hardships put upon them by the Govern^r, laboured by all meanes to sett aside the government as it was then established, and to obtaine confirmacôn of their former Charter from the late King James, and had so farr insinuated themselves into the good opinion of Father Peters and S^r Thomas Powis late Attorney Gen^l, that by the assistance of M^r Brent of the Temple, their solicitor, they obtained a report from Sir Thomas Powys to the then Lords of the Committee for Trade, in their favour, that their former Charter was illegally vacated; a duplicate whereof they transmitted to their party in Boston with assurance of obtaining a Charter with larger powers; and they, in confidence of their Agents good succeffe and impatient of further delays, revolted, and thereby anticipated by force that favour they would not tarry to receive from England.

About the yeare One thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight it was made apparent to the Right Hon^{ble} the Lords of the Committee for Trade by the opinion of S^r Will^m Jones and S^r Francis Winington then Attorney and Solicitor Gen^l, that the severall articles of high misdemeanour
objected

objected against the Govern^r & Company of the Maffachusetts Bay in New England for their maleadministracôn, were a sufficient ground (if proved) for his Matye to proceed against their Charter by law; some of which are as follows, viz^t — Coining money without his Ma^{tys} permission; Trading contrary to y^e Acts of Navigcôn, whereby His Ma^{tys} revenue was greatly impaired (as was made appeare by the peticôn of several eminent Merchants of London presented to His Ma^{ty} in Council,) Not allowing those or any other Acts of Parliament to be in force with them unless soe declared in their Gen^l Affembly; — Denying appeales from their Courts to England; Laying Customes upon the goods of His Ma^{tys} subjects (not freemen of the colony) tho' imported directly from England; And for prosecuting by fines, imprisonment, whipping, banishment & putting to death, His Ma^{tys} subjects for matters in religion. All which were confessed by their Agents in their petition to His Ma^{ty} during their attendance at Court to answer the complaints of M^r Mafon and M^r Gorge for invadeing their Provinces of New Hampshire and Maine in New England. Whereupon S^r Robert Sawyer, then Attorney Gen^l was ordered by the Lords of the Committee for Trade to bring a Writt of Quo Warranto against their Charter, which for those severall offences and alsoe for refusing to submitt to such a regulacôn in the management of their government so as all His Ma^{tys} subjects might finde equal justice amongst them; and upon their refusing alsoe to plead (tho' they had all favour and time allowed them to make their defence) was vacated, and a commissiion granted to severall gentlemen, members of their late Council, to exercise government in that colony; of

w^{ch} number was M^r Bradstreet (present pretended Govern^r), who refused, and the others with great difficulty accepted thereof, as appeares by the printed paper N^o 6.

About the yeare one thousand six hundred eighty five the French of Canada encroached upon the lands of the subjects of the Crowne of England, building forts upon the heads of their great Rivers, & extending their bounds, disturbed the inhabitants, and layde a clayme to those lands which for many yeares had belonged to the English; and under pretence of a right to the sole fishery between the degrees of forty three and forty six North latitude, they seized eight New England ketches laden with fish off the coast of Nova Scotia, took away all their fish, treated their masters most barbarously and afterwards carryed them and most of the ketches to Rochell, where they were a long time imprisoned. The masters came afterwards from thence to New England. I then assisted them in their applicacôn to the Earle of Sunderlande and to the Lord Preston, then Embassador in France; but his Lordship, though he pressed the matter, could obtaine noe redresse. Whereupon it was advised and ordered in Council that the three small Colonies of Connecticut New Plymouth and Rhode Island, not able to make any defence against the French, together with the Provinces of New Hampshire and Maine, should be united and made one entire government, the better to defend themselves against invasion. And accordingly a commission was directed to S^r Edmund Andros with instruccions to take them all under his care, which he accordingly accepted and they in a short time submitted thereunto.

The French about Canada intending to engrosse the whole
beaver

beaver trade to themselves, did in the time of peace surprize about twenty seven of the chiefe Captains belonging to the Five Nations of the Indians (traders with the towne of Albany in the government of New Yorke) who had sub-jected themselves to the Crowne of England many years agoe & have bin accounted subjects and p^rected both by the Dutch and English Government att New Yorke. And accordingly Coll. Dongan received orders from England to assist and support these Five Nations of Indians against the French; and certainly they had destroyed and outed the French out of Canada, had not Coll. Dongan, upon the insinuation of a French Jesuite, kept the Indians (much against their inclinacôns) in Albany, maintained at the Kings charge for severall weeks; in which time the French Govern^r supplied his forts with all sorts of stores and p^rvisions for one yeare in four hundred birch canoes, which would have otherwise fallen into the hands of our Indians, and the forts alsoe not longer able for want of supplies to hold out. Coll. Dongan raised men in New Yorke, which he kept for some time at Albany, and has charged for that expedition about six thousand four hundred pounds, as by his originall account appeares, of which I have something (when in England) to lay before your Lordships. The French by their artifices obtain'd at our Court a treaty of trade and commerce, betweene the subjects of the two Crowns, in the yeare 1688, which tho' very disadvantageous to the English in these parts of America, yet since the Provinces of New Yorke and the Jerseys have bin united to New England under the governm^t of S^r Edmund Andros, that treaty has bin duly observed both by our Indians and English, but not generally

generally by the French. They very much court the Five Nations of Indians to submit to the government of Canada, and by their Jesuites strangely allure them with their beades crucifixes and little painted Images, gaining many new converts. One Monfeieur Town-to [Tonti] a French officer from Canada has enlarged their pretensions and settled a Fort and garrison upon the Lakes on the back side of Carolina. During this cessation upon the treaty of peace and commerce, they are not idle, but attempting upon the English interest in these parts of the world.

About August last, the time S^r Edmund Andros went to take possession of the government at New Yorke, eleven French Indians, killed five of our Indians neere the towne of Springfield and soon after five English at the towne of Northfield upon Connecticut River; they fled to Canada, and tho' knowne by name and demanded by S^r Edmund Andros, yet Marque d'Nouvelle [Denonville] the French Governour refused to surrender them. Soon after the Indians to the Eastward upon a misunderstanding betwixt them and the English, fell upon the English townes in the Province of Maine, destroyed their corne and cattle, burnt their houses, killed some and took others of the inhabitants prisoners; having with them a French priest in their councils.

Upon the Governo^{rs} returne from Albany to Boston (where the Five Nations of Indians exp^{re}ss'd great duty and obedience,) finding the Indians continuing to make spoil upon the English plantacôns, it was ordered in Council that a considerable force should be raised, and the conduct of that exp^{re}dición was offered upon very good terms to Major Generall Winthrop one of the Council; but he, unwilling
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to serve his native countrey, and others also refusing that command, the Governo^r undertook that difficult fategue in the depth of winter; and tho' by unusuall mildness of the winter the rivers and lakes were not frozen, so as his men could march after the Indians when and where he intended, yett they were wholly restrained from doing any dammage to the English townes, by severall forts built by him so advantageously, upon the rivers and passes. Upon the first frost he was out a week in the head of one hundred and twenty good men, marching a foot thro' dismall and almost impassable swamps, at which time were taken and destroyed about thirty Indian canoes. Some time after a party of one hundred and sixty men marched above one hundred and twenty miles right up into the countrey, in a deep snow, and burnt two Indian forts from whence they carried some beaver, ammunition and goods taken from the English and destroyed and brought away twenty-eight Indian canoes, and reduced them to the use of their bows and arrows that they could not much longer hold out, but beg their lives upon any termes, had not some merchants in Boston (Foster & Waterhouse) chiefe in this rebellion (during the Governo^{rs} absence from thence) sent a vessell of forty tunns with supplies of powder, shott, bread, Indian Corne, and English linnen and woollen manufacture to trade with those Indians and the French, betweene Port Royall and Penobscott, who were alsoe in great want.

The Governo^r left the forces to the Eastward on the sixteenth of March and arrived in Boston about a week after, and as soon as those souldiers had notice of the disturbance in Boston, some forsooke, others revolted, seized upon their officers

officers, and sent them bound prisoners heither; so that all that countrey, extending above forty leagues upon the sea-shore, that was secured in their fishery and sawmills is now deserted and left to the ravage of the barbarous heathens, who are already come down, have destroyed and burnt some forts and severall dwelling houses and kill'd some of the people, the miserable inhabitants, in no way capable to preserve themselves and cattle but by flight.

The French have above four thousand good men about Canada, ready for any designe. I expect that upon the newes of the Bostoners reassuming their old government (no care being taken for the out townes and Provinces) they will joyne with the Indians, and in a short time swallow and be masters of that part of the Countrey (not long since granted to the French West India Company by patent from their King) and then being possessed of our best ports & harbours, be masters of all the great masts in New England and will infest the trade of other the English forraine plantacôns: the prevention whereof was one chiefe ground of putting all those petty governments under one generall Governour.

My Lords. Notwithstanding all the pretensions of grievances mencôned in their papers, and cryes of oppression in the Govern^{rs} proceedings, it's not the person of S^r Edmund Andros, but the government itself, they designe to have removed, that they may freely trade; and therefore urge a necessity of His Ma^{ty}s grant for a new or confirming their old charter.

I take leave humbly to represent to yo^r Lordships that the bottom and plain truth of the whole matter of complaint
against

against His Majestyes immediate government from England arises upon the following reasons.

1st Because since the vacating their charter they have bin kept from the breach of the Acts for Trade and Navigacôn, encouraged by their former government to trade to France Holland Spaine Scotland and Ireland, bringing the commodities of those Kingdomes directly to Boston, paying only a small custome for the support of their own government, and alsoe carrying the plantacôn commodities directly to those kingdomes, without ever touching at or paying the customes in England as the law requires. They are restrained from setting out privateers who for many yeares together robbed the Spanish West Indies and brought great bootyes to Boston; and also they durst not during the Governour's time, harbour pyratts. This place was the common receptacle of pyratts of all nations.

2nd About fifteene yeares agoe Captain l'Moin, a Frenchman, brought in two or three very rich Dutch prizes worth above one hundred thousand pounds. Mr Richard Wharton one of the Agents soliciting for the Charter (if in England) was L'Moins Atturney. He was a great undertaker for pyratts and promoter of irregular trade. I forbear to trouble yo^r Lordships with the instances of any more pyratts who have bin received and p^rected by some now in the present government.

3^d They have bin restrained from tradeing with the French at Newfoundland, by exprefs order from the Commicônners of His Matyes Customes, which very much enraged those merchants who traded in great quantityes for brandy and other French goods, brought thither directly from France.

4 Their liberty of coining money is taken away which encouraged pyratts to bring their plate hither, because it could be coined and conveyed in great parcells undiscovered to be such. Mr Sewell another of the Agents attending in England was Master of the Mint, and a looser by putting that down.

5th The Ministers, who in their Government were chiefe in advising and directing matters of publique import, as well in electing Magistrates as in makeing laws and what else did relate to the government, and now chiefe in contriving & setting on foot this generall revolt and subversion of the government; were not consulted with.

Their present practice since their revolt is a sufficient demonstracôn of what they intend to doe when they receive a Charter. They have already sett at liberty severall pyratts imprisoned in the common gaole, who robb'd a Spanish ship loaden with about four thousand Spanish hydes, money, plate, and rich commodityes, which they brought into this countrey, murdered eight of the men, & brought with them two Spanish captives, who, with the confession of some of their company at sea, have made undeniable prooffe of it; and they have liberty to sell their hydes and go about their busyness; since which the pyratts have sold the two Spanish witnesses in this towne.

Three privateers are now fitting out for the Spanish West Indies.

Five Ministers of Boston, viz^t Moode, Allen, young Mather, Willard and Milburn an Anabaptist Minister, were in the Councill Chamber on the eighteenth of Aprill when the Govern^r and myselfe were brought out of the Fort before

fore them, writeing orders, and were authors of some of their printed papers.

My Lords. I am kept very inhumanely and the Governour worfe, whose packett sent by expresse order from Whitehall and letters of both publick and private concernes of his and mine, are stop'd and opened by S^r William Phips, who says the Govern^r is a rogue and shall not have his packetts nor letters, and pretends an order for so doing and keeps them from us. I humbly intreat the favour off your Lordships that I be not exposed here to the malice of those who, for my faithfull service to the Crowne for fourteen yeares in this countrey, are become my enemyes; but rather, if yo^r Lordships please, that they may be commanded to send me and my accusers to England, to answer what they haue to charge me with.

I have many things (relateing to the well being of this countrey) of great import to His Ma^{ties} service, which, being now a cloffe prisoner and all my papers and materiall writings kept from me, I am in no condition to transmitt to yo^r Lordships, but expect, with patience by your Lordships direccôns for a speedy opportunity for so doing.

All which is humbly submitted by

EDW. RANDOLPH.

From the Common Gaole in

Boston the 29. of May 1689.

[*Endorsed*]

“Rec^d from M^r Randolph

“3 July. 1689.”

PETITION OF SARAH RANDOLPH.

Board of Trade, New England, 5. (5).

[Undated ; probably about 22 July 1689.]

To the Kings most Excell^t Ma^{tie}

The humble Peti^{cion} of Sarah Randolph wife of Edward Randolph Secretary of New England
Sheweth

That yo^r Pet^{rs} Husband has served the Crowne this 30 yeares, and has alwayes demeaned himfelfe as a dutifull and Loyall Subject, and is & alwayes was a Protestant.

That in Aprill last, diverse of the Inhabitants of New England in a violent manner did seize and Imprison the Governo^r and severall others, together with yo^r Pet^{rs} Husband, who has been ever since kept under the closest Confinement.

That he has no other meanes whereby to maintain himfelfe, your Petition^r & 5 Children, but by his said Immployment, so that unless he be set at Liberty, they must inevitably perish.

Your Pet^r most humbly prayes that yo^r Ma^{tie} will be Graciously pleased to give Order for the Releasing her said Husband from his Imprisonment, or that he may be sent for into England to answer before your ma^{tie} to whatsoever may be laid to his Charge.

And yo^r Pet^r (as in duty bound)
shall ever pray &c.

RANDOLPH

RANDOLPH TO BLATHWAYT, FROM GAOL.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 87.

Cōmon Goal in New England.

22th July 1689.

The Ketch Mary of Boston 40 Ton John Updyke Mast^r
by whom I fend this, hath Loaded here the enumerated
Comodityes without having first given Bond as y^e Law does
require I cannot feize her here unless my Officer should be
knockt o'th head There is noe Law noe Courts No Justice
no Governm^t All crying Out against the Acts of Trade
And now Veffells arive from Holland and Newfoundland
loaden wth Wine Oyle and Brandy I cannot Trust the Goal
wth any of my Ļrs for I am lyable to be Searched every hour
And that would add to my Charge of Treason against their
Govern^r As my Acting here by Cōmissiō and Deputa^{ti}ōn
without their Consent is already Adjudged, And I am Voted
not Baylable.

EDWARD RANDOLPH.

To William Blathwayte Esq^r

[*Endorsed*]

2 October 1689

Presentm^t of y^e Comis^s of
the Customes touching the
Violation of the Acts of trade.
New England.

DUPLICATE

DUPLICATE OF M^R. RANDOLPH'S LETTER TO MY LORD
PRIVIE SEALE.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 104.

From y^e Common Goal in Boston
July 23 : 1689.

May it please y^r Lordsh^p

Wheither M^r. Mather (one of the preachers in this Town) has vpon his bare suggestion so farr insinuated into the favour of y^e Court as to obtaine a Grant of a New Charter, Or a Confirmation of their Old one (as they say here illegally vacated) No ship from Eng^d. has advised vs. Certaine it is, That vpon a presumption of that onely, they continue S^r. Edm^d. Andros, my selfe, & feuerall other Gen^r in prison vnder close confinem^t and at last charge vs with the Breach of a Capitall Law, made by the Generall Court, when they sett vp for a Common Wealth Gom^t as appeares by the Resolues of y^e Representatiues of the feuerall townes in the Colony (sitting in Convention with the Gou^r & Councill) Duplicates of some whereof & of their Law I humbly inclose to y^r Lordsh^p.

And now my Lord, this poeple hauing dared to proceed to this height, vpon Hope onely of receiuing their Charter priueleges (as they term them) what can wee expect vpon the arrivall of their Agents, loaden with such favors? but that they proceed to trye vs vpon their Lawes: or if it bee his Ma^{ties} pleasure to direct other methods for governing this Country, the Guilt of their Crimes already done, & the feare of deferued punishment is such; That they will Maffacre vs, & at the same tyme cast off their Allegiance to y^e Crown, accounting

counting them felues his Ma^{ties} Nominall & not reall Subjects, as one of their Cheife Ministers lately declared in publick. I hope y^r Lordsh^p has long since receiued my letters by M^r Vther Treasurer of y^e Territory, & by our Minister M^r Ratcliffe; and that his Ma^{ty} (vpon Consideration of the imminent danger of this whole plantation is in to be destroyed by faction & populer Rage, Or be made a prey to Indians & Our asspiring Neighbors the French) has sent heither a sufficient force to quiett the present disorders, & reduce this Country to a firm dependance vpon y^e Crown. Here is no Govern^t No Law: Customs, Excise and the Acts of Trade & Navigation are Cryed down: All things are carried on by a furious Rabble animated & Encouraged by y^e Crafty Ministers, some whereof (as young Mather, son to old M^r Mather their Agent) were the Cheife promoters of this Rebellion: these haue infected the Neighbouring Colonies of New plymouth Road Island and Connecticutt, & sent their Agitators to New york, that they may not appeare the Onely Rebels in these parts of y^e world.

During this Commotion the Eastern Indians (in armes last winter) dayly alarum Our out-townes: foure Considerable Townes are wholly destroyd, the Fishery lost: the Forts built by S^r Edm^d Andros are burnt down, about [*sic*] ⁵⁰~~70~~ persons lately kild & taken Captiues, with a Rich plunder; the distressed poeple hauing left their houses & Cattell in the other townes haue petitioned to the Gou^r & Council for souldiers to defend the Remaining townes in y^e province of Maine, but can haue no futable Releife: the Country has No Officers fitt for Such a Seruice; nor can they Raife Souldiers nor money to pay the Charg of this Warr, the
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poeples not being fatisfied that they haue power to Raife either: So that in a very fhort tyme All the Eastern Country (of great Import to y^e Crown) will be wholly deferted and left to the Rauage of the Heathen: All which, together with Such papers I haue fent to M^r Blathwayt relating to the prefent affaires & ftate of this place I humbly fubmitt to y^r Lordf^{ps} Confideration and in all Duly remaine Right Hon^{ble} your Lordf^{ps} moft humble Seru^t

EDRANDOLPH.

[*Endorfed*] N: England. 23 July 1689.

Duplicat of M^r Randolph's Letter to my L^d

Privy Seale. Originall deliverd the 6 Nov. 1689.

FROM M^r. RANDOLPH TO CAP^t. NICHOLSON.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 107.

S^t

Common Gaol July 29th 89.

The 24 instant wee had advife of 6 men killd out of 19 going to the weft fide of Kennebeck Riuer from y^e fort at Saradehock to fecure their cattell: the 28th wee had advife that on y^e 22: were killd at Saco 10 men & 4 wounded: & 4 or 5 houfes burnt: they were intended to fend men to joine with the men of New ichawannock who had certaine advife where the Indians were & fent fome for their horfes; but y^e Indians fhott down 4 men mounted; this alarumd the Garrifon, who run out about 28 in great haft, Saw y^e Indians at a diftance, followed them to a fwamp in very much diforder & out of breath, ftriving who fhould gett the firft fum of 8th Sett vpon y^e head of Euery Indian taken in fight; but y^e Indians kild there 6 more & wounded y^e foure:
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tooke aboue 20 good armes, they neuer making a stand: I expect to haue 2 or 3 tymes aweeke Such newes so long as they continew in y^e Remaining Out townes. They haue left Saco, the Cattell & corn at the favour of the Enemy. Its a question wheither y^e Gom^t will take any care to preferue those parts being out of their Colony: the representatiues decline it wholly.

[The] 25 was a fast kept as by y^e Inclosed order: M^r Bradstreet recommended to Allen & Moode to exhort their flock to obedience to y^e present Gom^t they tooke no notice of him: Allens text was y^e 9th Chap^r Ezra 3 last verses & greatly showed his dissatisfaction that his people suffered their Children to marry to persons out of their pale: Moode Encouraged them to stand to y^e liberty whereto they are called: Gaue God thanks that he had restored their Judges as of old. They are in great want of M^r Mather & their Charter: he told them some had petitioned the King for a Gou^r from Eng^d but he said his Curse was vpon them & they should not prosper. They make very sure of Continuing to themselves the Gom^t & will not accept of anything lesse then their old Gom^t resolving to stand it out to the last man, hauing now Gott the Militia in their power; & they take more care how to oppresse all who are not of their party then to preferue the distressed poeple from y^e Indians. Marke Emerson & One Clem of your Company & one of y^e Gou^{rs} were kild at Sacadehock. Old Alden is lately returnd in y^e Sloop Mary from Penobscot: he sayes [Casteen] told him that [Moros] was lately returnd from Canada with supplies; that there were 4 men of warr & as many Merc^{ts} ships arriued at Quebeck & that y^e Gou^r sent him word
there

there was warr betwixt Eng^d & france. The Mischeifes already done by y^e Indians & what more ruines which wee dayly expect both from them & y^e french who will not lye still hearing of the Confusions here are all Charged vpon S^r Edm^d Andros.

S^r I know not how this Country can be preferued from vtter destruction euen from y^e Civill diffentions vnlesse His Ma^{tie} has sent a Considerable force to Subdue them: as for Letters & Comm^{rs} from his Ma^{tie}, vnlesse well backd by a Good force will rather encourage the faction then the honest party, who are by all meanes kept vnder Hatches. I expect the french will attack piscataqua & make them felues Masters of that place or Salem if not Boston, wee being in no Condition to oppose them. I wish you all happines; pray giue my poore wife a visit, I heare she has been long sick. Young Mather & Willard are high ag^t the Old Church; they are very much devided. Peter Sarjeant was yesterday admitted into y^e New Church.

I am S^r

your humble Seru^t

EDRANDOLPH.

I am to acquaint you that tomorrow is held a County Court in Boston. Leiftn^t Jordan is still in Goal: Cap^t Manning is out vpon bond: M^r Jemison wrote to them peremptorily enough for his liberty, they answered him that he must stay till y^e County Court, & if nobody vpon proclamation had ought to Charge him with he should haue his liberty: this is the first part of New England Justice & y^e liberty of the Subject.

[*Addressed*]

[*Addressed*] To Capt. Francis Nicholſon
Leiftn^t Gou^r of his
Ma^{ties} Territory & domⁿ
of New Eng^d
or in his abſence to M^r
Jō Viſher :
Whitehall.

[*Endorſed*] New England
29 July 1689.
From M^r Randolph
to Capt. Nicholſon.
Rec^d from Cap^t
Nicholſon 8 Nov. 89. .

PETITION OF ANDROS, RANDOLPH, &C. TO BE SENT TO
ENGLAND.

State Papers, Colonial, Entry Book, 109, p. 246.

At the Committee for Trade and Plantacons
At the Councill-Chamber at Whitehall
Munday the 29th of July 1689.

Preſent: L^d Privy Seal, Earl of Nottingham, L^d Viſcount
Lumley.

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A ^ſire to N:
England. Upon Their Lōps Repreſentacon of Cap^t
Nicholſons Letter, together with the Narrative of
M^r Riggs, and the Peticons in behalf of S^r Ed-
mond Andros, M^r Trefry and M^r Randolph, it having been
Order'd in Councill, that A ^ſire from His Ma^{ty} be ſent to
New England, requiring that the Peticons and others Seiz'd
in like manner be ſent into England to Anſwer what may
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be Objected against them Their Lōps Agree that the orders sent thither may be to such as for the time being take Care of preserving the Peace, and Administring the Laws in their Ma^{ty}'s Colony of the Maffachufets Bay in N. England.

ORDER FOR SENDING SIR EDMUND ANDROS TO ENGLAND.

Massachusetts Historical Society Collections, Fourth Series, Vol. VIII. p. 711.
30 July 1689.

To such as for the Time being take Care for preserving the Peace and Administring the Laws in Our Colony of the Maffachufetts Bay in New England in America.

Duplicat.

William R,

Whereas S^r Edmond Andros, K^t, Late Governour of Our Dominion of New England, has been feiz'd by some People in Boston, and is detein'd under Close Confinem^t there, together with Edward Randolph, John Trefry, and Divers others, Our Subjects, Who have humbly requested us that they may be either sett at Liberty, or sent in safe Custody into England, to answer before us what may be objected against them; We do hereby will and require that the said S^r Edmond Andros, Edward Randolph, John Trefry, and others Our Subjects, that have been in like manner feiz'd by the s^d People of Boston; and shall be at the Receipt of these Our Commands detein'd there under Confinem^t, be forthwith sent on Board the first shipp bound hither, to answer before Us, what may be Objected against them, and that yo^w take care that they be Civilly used in their Passage from New England, and safely Convey'd to Our Royall Prefence.

Given

Given at Our Court at Whitehall, this Thirtieth Day of July, 1689, in the First year of Our Reign.

By His Ma^{ty}s Command:

NOTTINGHAM

[sealed with the Privy Seal]

PRESENTM^t. TOUCHING M^r. RANDOLPH.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 84.

Customs House. London.

23 August 1689.

To the R^t Hono^{ble} the Lords Comm^{rs} of their Ma^{ty}s Treas^{ry}.

Presentment

By the Comm^{rs} for managing and Causing to be Leavyed and Collected their Ma^{ty}s Customs Subsidys and other Duties.

The Comm^{rs} have lately Received a Letter of the 29th of May Last from M^r. Edward Randolph Collector Surveyor and Searcher of their Ma^{ty}s Customs in New England, Setting forth his being Throwne into the Common Goale and there Deteyned on Accompt of the late Revolution, That he was in Danger of his Life by the Fury of the Multitude, That all his Books and Papers were Seized, and that Liberty was now there taken to Violate the Act of Navigation as formerly. And the Comm^{rs} doe Understand That his Ma^{ty} hath been Pleased already to send his Orders to the Government there, for the sending home the Said M^r. Randolph as well as the Late Govern^r. S^r. Edmond Andros, to answer here, what may be Objected against them, But if noe Admonition hath yet been given to those People of
New

New England for Preserving the Said Act of Navigation,
 The Comm^{rs} doe humbly Pray, That their Lord^{pps} will be
 pleased to Move his Ma^{ty} for Orders to that Effect, As also
 That all the Books and Papers of the said M^r Randolph
 which have been taken from him may be Sealed up and
 sent to one of his Ma^{ts} Principal Sec^{rys} of State, That soe
 much of them as Concernes his Ma^{ts} Publick Revenue may
 be Placed with the Comm^{rs} here til Some other P^{son} be
 appointed to goe and Execute the said office of Collector,
 Surveyor and Searcher in those parts.

ROBERT SOUTHWELL
 G: BOOTHE
 JO. WERDEN
 T. PELHAM
 ROB^t CLAYTON.
 P. WARD.

[*Endorsed*]

23 Aug. 1689.
 Presentm^t Touching
 M^r Randolph in
 New England.
 For the Cōmittee of
 Plantaçons
 Read in Councill Sept. 2nd 89.

“M^r RADOLP TO THE COM^{TEE}”

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 94.

Common Goal in Boston
 N. Eng^d. Sep^t 5 : 1689.

May it please y^r Lord^{sh}ps

Fiue months are passd since M^r Bradstreet & y^e former
 Magistrates entred by force of Arms upon y^e Gōm^t of this
 Colony

Colony, Imprisoning S^r Edm^d Andros, my selfe & others of the Councill, for Exercising a power of G^om^t amongst them, which they call vsurpation & say y^t the Crown of Eng^d cannot appoint a Gou^r in their Colony without an open violation of their Charter Rights: During which tyme y^e Indians haue ouer-run y^e greatest part of y^e Eastern Country, from y^e River of S^t Croix (the Eastern boundary of this Territory) to Piscataqua River, aboue 200 miles in length vpon y^e Sea Coasts: they haue taken the Town & fort at Pemiquid, (the place of most import in those parts) together with y^e Townes of New Harbour, Newtown & New Dartmouth, & y^e Strong fort there; The fort vpon y^e Passe at Damaras Cottar River, the fort of Tueffett on Kennebeck River, and also the fort vpon Pojepscott River: All built & well mannd by S^r Edm^d Andros order: The townes also of Saccadehock, North Yarmouth, Richmonds Island; & Saco, where 2 Good forts well setled, & Cachecha in the township of Douer vpon Piscataqua River; most of the houses, Corn & Cattell burnt & destroyed; about 300 Christians Kild & taken Captiues. In the Province of Main the townes of Wells Casco York & Kittery & some few fortified houses (ill mannd) are yet remaining, but expect not long to continue, for no sufficient care is taken by y^e Gom^t at Boston for their Releife, being out of their Colony (as y^e poore distressed people applying to them for help are told). About 3 weekes ago the Enemy did attack some scattrring houses in y^e Townes of Havarell & Andouer (30 miles from hence) wherevpon the G^om^t are raising 3 : or 400 men horse & foot, but haue No Officers fitt to Command them, & therefore the Souldiers chuse rather to lye in Goal then serue vnder them
(as

(as many at this tyme do) and in case they can Compleat their Numbers, they design them onely to defend their Out Townes, & not to Suppres or destroy y^e Indians. The damage already done amounts to aboue 60000 ster^t: The fishery & Lumber (y^e Cheife Comodityes of this Country) are quite destroyed, besides the losse of a very fruitfull Country for Corn & Cattell, with many Good Harbors, & all y^e Great Mafts fitt for y^e vse of y^e Royall Navy (are in y^e hands of french or Indians) not to be valued. These (My Lords) are but y^e beginning of y^e Desolation brought vpon this Country by y^e Tumultuous designes of an Antimonarchicall faction: Three dayes after they had subverted y^e Establisht Gōm^t the Councill of safety directed their Orders to Cap^t Savage & others their Confidents to dismis all y^e Officers (as by a Copy of that Order N^o 1 :) and to draw off the Souldiers settled there by S^t Edm^d Andros in those feuerall forts aboue named: by which action, from the tyme y^e Indians first broak out into Rebellion to that day, the whole Eastern country was well Secured, & y^e Enemy brought to Such Extremitie, That they were Coming in to deliver vp y^e Cheife Rebels & Submitt to mercy. Butt by this succefs & Extraordinary Booty they haue gott from y^e English, their Numbers are now Greatly increased, feuerall Nations who all last winter declined to assist them, are now joind & make vp a body of 5: or 600 fighting men. In March last they were supplied with Ammunition by some Merc^{ts} from Boston, & since by the french from Canada: who euery way Countenance & assist the Indians in their attempts ag^t y^e English: besides the Inhabitants at Cape Codd are apprehensie that y^e Indians (about 1000 in number

ber in that part, euer till now in good freindship with their English Neighbors) intend a Rising, in regard of their great meetings & frequent Dances, the vsuall indication of their taking Arms. These & many such like Calamities befalling other Colonies & places in y^e Territory no way related to Boston, putt S^r Edm^d Andros vpon attempting his liberty, and on y^e third of August last came to Newport on Road Island; intending to moderate & Compose y^e minds of y^e deluded poeple, but y^e Councill at Boston hearing he was gone sent their Orders by Sea & land to apprehend him, & by their Agitators stird vp a Rabble at Road Island who treated him vnhumanely, & betrayed him to 2 Troopes of horse sent by y^e Bostoners to receiue & bring him back to y^e Castle: and being charged with unbailable crimes (as by the enclosed cotype of Resolues N^o 2) and his Keeper treats him as y^e worst of Malefactors, not permitting his Doctor or Cooke to come to him, & provide him necessaryes. My Lords this poeple by their Resolues & proceedings therevpon, haue discovered, That what euer specious pretences (of being Papists or popishly affected) were at first objected ag^t S^r Edm^d Andros & others continued vnder strict imprisonment they are resolved to mainetaine their Charter Gom^t (as they call it) and that y^e Crown of Eng^d is to Expect no further Obedience from them then what they are obliged to by Charter. My Lords, Some of y^r Lordsh^{ps} may please to remember, that his late Ma^{tie} King Charles y^e Second, taking notice of y^e Greate mischeifes which had befallen his Plantation of New Eng^d from y^e many independent and petty Gom^{ts} sett vp in y^e severall Colonies; for prevention whereof, vpon most advised delib^eation was determined to vnite

vnite them All vnder one Gen^l. Gou^r: which afterwards in y^e yeare 1686 was happily accomplished by a Commiſſ: vnder y^e Great Seal to S^r Edm^d. Andros: the better to Secure them from a forain power, or from another Incurſion of y^e Indians: being in y^e yeares 1675 & 76 greatly infeſted by them, many Townes deſtroyed & aboue 1000 men kild in that warr; & Notwithſtanding all the force the Boſtoners raiſed & ſent Eaſtward, they were no wayes Capable to ſubdue thoſe Indians vntill S^r Edm^d. Andros then Gou^r of New York ſent a Conſiderable party of Souldiers and built a fort at Pemmaquid (then vnder his Gom^t) & thereby obliged y^e Indians to deliver vp to y^e Boſtoners aboue 100 Engliſh Captiues & 12 fiſhing Ketches taken from them that warr. At this diſtance I know not what Arguments may be vſed by ſome out of private Inter-eſt or by others vnacquainted with the true ſtate of this Country to reſtore to the ſeuerall Colonies their ſeperate formes of Gom^t. Butt from my 14 yeares experience in y^e publick Tranſactions of y^e whole plantation I humbly propoſe it abſolutely neceſſary for y^e honour & Inter-eſt of y^e Crown & for y^e laſting well being of New Eng^d. That 1500 or at leaſt 1000 Good Souldiers be ſpeedily ſent heither to reduce this poeple to a firm dependance vpon y^e Crown & to regaine what is already loſt: otherwiſe, Not onely New Eng^d. but the Neighbouring Plantations of Maryland Virginnia & Carolina (couered to y^e Weſtward by diuers populous Nations of y^e Indians) will in a ſhort tyme be ouer-run & made a prey to the Incroaching French, who if not prevented will become Maſters of all the Engliſh foraine Plantations; having already ſettled ſeuerall forts amongſt thoſe Indians as far as the backſide of South Carolina.

lina. I may not omitt to acquaint y^r Lordf^{ps} that the Revolt of this poeple was pus^hd on by their Agent M^r Mather, who sent his letter directed to M^r Symon Bradstreet Gou^r in which he encouraged them to go cheerefully to so acceptable a peece of seruice to all Good poeple. Butt how disadvantageous to y^e Crown & destructive already it has proved to this whole Plantation I humbly submitt to y^r Lordf^{ps} Consideration, & in all Duty remaine

Right Hon^{ble}
your Lordf^{ps} most humble &
obedient seru^t

ED RANDOLPH Sec^{ry}.

[*Endorsed*] M^r Randall Sept. 5th 1689
to the Comittee
Read at y^e Com^{tee} of Plantations
Febr : 25th 1689.
Concerñ N : England.

[*Addressed*] To the Right Hon^{ble}
the Lords of y^e Committee for Trade
& forain Plantations
at Whitehall
humbly present.

M^r. RANDOLPH TO THE COM^{TEE}

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 96.

From y^e Common Goal in Boston
Oct^{ber} 15th 1689.

May it please y^r Lordf^{pps}

Doubting the safe conveyance of my letter of y^e 5th Sept. last wth papers I sent to y^r Lordf^{pps} by way of Barbados, I humbly take leaue to inclose a duplicate thereof & also to

represent to y^r Lordf^{pps} that the poeple of this Colony haue with great impatience expected the arivall of their Agent M^r Mather wth a Charter, but 6 months are lapfd, & no Newes of it (tho' the Ministers assured it in 3 weekes after the subversion of y^e Gom^t.) they discouer the fraud & find themfelues deluded, Now therefore they disown openly the power of the Gom^t & refuse to pay Rates & Taxes laid vpon them, notwthstanding they haue presumed to issue forth their warr^{ts} for Collecting them in their Ma^{ties} Names, And inas-much as they are disappointed in their hopes of a Charter, feare of punishment for what they haue already done & the dayly expectation of a force from Eng^d distracts & putts them vpon taking care how best to secure them selues. Some of the Cheife are desirous to haue S^r Edm^d Andros & others at liberty, & to manage the Gom^t as formerly: at least vntill their Ma^{ties} please to Signify their Commands to him (or to whom else they shall appoint to that Seruice) for setling & re-establishing their Royall Authority ouer y^e whole Dominion of New Eng^d; they abominate also y^e Continued hardshipps putt vpon them, when as y^e most factious man amongst them cannot in 6 months tyme shew a Reason, why any of them should bee imprisoned one Minute: but their will is a law: The plaine truth is (what euer their Agents may pretend to gaine favour at Court) they hold fast the Antimonarchicall principle spred amongst them by S^r Henry Vane, Hugh Peters, etc: & Venner, who made the Infurrection in London soon after the restauration, had his education here also. The other Colonyes finding all but a sham, are too late sensible of their hasty reassuming their former Gom^{ts}, & forbear to act, they onely make use of the
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Name & shew of Authority, to quiett y^e poeple, till Newes from Eng^d. The Gom^t here, tyred out with y^e Continuall Cryes of flaughter & destructiō made by the Enemy vpon y^e Inhabitants in feuerall places, at laft (by threatning some & by faire promifes to others) gott together a body of 7 or 800 men English & Indians & sent them to secure the Eastern parts of y^e Colony: but they haue neither discipline nor Officers who know how to Command. On y^e 13th Sept. laft at Oyfter River in y^e Province of New Hampsheire, a fort was taken by y^e Enemy 19 English kild & made Captiues: tho' 200 of their forces were then not far from that fort. On y^e 20th of that Month the Indians intended to attack Casco in y^e Province of Main: but Cap^t Church accidentally arriving there with forces droue them off with the losse of 8 men kild, & 14 more dyed of their wounds, No chyrurgeon being allowed them. They are all dayly expected home, finding no care is taken to supply them with bread & other Neceffaryes.

The Major of Albany, Aldermen & principall Inhabitants being apprehensieue that the French from Canada will attempt that place, voted to addresse to New York for a supply of 10 or 20 Bar^{ls} of pouder, 300 shott, & 200th in money, with some men to defend their fronteeres from y^e French & their Indians, who had already kild 3 poeple nigh Scanaidade (but 20 miles distant from Albany). Jacob Leislier (head of y^e Rabble at N: York) vpon receite thereof, sends to M^r Bradstreet in Boston for the like quantity of pouder & shott, & in case he could not spare pouder, one Ton of Saltpeter: vpon a Survey of the Stores here, were found but 8 barr^{ls} powder in y^e publick Store, & about 20 at
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the two fortifications, So that he could spare him none. Albany trades with y^e five Nations of Indians for about 40000th value a yeare in Beuer & furs: & are yearely brought from thence to N: Yorke 100000 bushells of wheat, pease & Indian Corn: their cheife dependance for security is vpon the arrivall of Generall Orders & a Sufficent force from Eng^d. to take care of the whole dominion, & regaine what is already taken & in the possession of y^e Enemy. Here is no regard had to y^e Acts of trade, or Lawes ag^t pyrates: Abraham Fisher a Scotch Rotterdammer a pyrate, in a sloop with 40 men from Carosoe tooke a French ship of 16 Gunns & 8 Peteraras, etc: at Newfoundland, & with her tooke another ship vpon y^e Banks (plundred more) loaden with Salt, fish, etc: came a month ago into Salem harbour with his prize: he has sold his prize & loading to two Merc^{ts} in Salem for 250th has liberty to trade there & in Boston, & from 40 has increased his Number to 70 men. The French haue lately taken 6 Salem fishing ketches off Cape Sables: whilst the Rose frigott is still kept as a prize in Boston harbour, & nothing will oblige them to deliuer to Cap^t George her sayles, that he may be in a Condition to secure y^e Coasts.

Thus (may it please y^r Lordf^{ps}) the Authority of y^e Crown of Eng^d. & y^e peace of this large plantation by the turbulent & vngouvernable spiritts of a few in this Colony is shamefully trampled vpon & Contemnd; euen so openly, & to that degree, that they haue thereby plainly vnmaskd themselves, & discover to the world, That force is the Onely Argument to convince and oblige them to a dutyfull & intire submiffion to y^e Crown & the Lawes of England, and
that

that the Gom^t of this Country be Supported by easier Methods.

All which is humbly submitted
by

ED RANDOLPH.

[*Addressed*] To the Right Hon^{ble}
the Lords of the Committee
for Trade & forain
Plantations at
Whitehall
humbly present.

[*Endorsed*] N : England
15 Oct : 89.
From M^r Randolph to ye
Comittee.
Rec^d 23 : Feb. 1689
Read 25 Feb. 1689.

ABSTRACT OF M^R RANDOLPH'S LETTERS.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 448. 8, 25, Oct. 1689.

The Indians haue taken the Fort at Oyfter River near
Exeter, and killed and carryed away Prifoners
eighteen Chriftians, Six or Seaven hundred men
are Marcht out againft them.

To M^r Blathwayt
25 : Octobr

The Treafurer has Iffued his Warrants to Raife a Rate
but the people deny their Power. M^r Graves a Iuftice of
Peace and a very Sober man is called before the Councill
together with others of Charles Town for a Paper to that
purpofe, They owned the Paper, and being thereupon
Order'd to Prifon, they refufe to go, faying the Councill
have no Power to fend them. The Councill and Reprefen-
tatives

tatives are met but dare do nothing with them, The men of Charles Town, and severall Towns thereabouts threatening to pull down the Gaole if they put them in.

Connecticuts are now very inclining to S^r Edmond Andros, and say, if they must pay any mony, it shall be by Orders from him who has a legall Authority.

Agents have been sent to the Maquas Indians to fall upon our Eastern Indians, nine of them are come to Boston and entertained at the publick Charge. They enquire for S^r Edmond Andros.

The French have ordered their Indians to fall upon us and accordingly they have killd some Christians near Schonectade, whereupon the Dutch at Albany have desired some Amunition from New York. They at New York send to Broadstreet, who sends them word he has not above Sixty Barrels of powder in Store in the whole Government.

At Salem is a Pirat of 24 Gunns 24 Patereros and 75 men, but takes in more dayly from hence, a Dutchman he pretends to be, but has no Commiffion.

A Veffell with 148 h^{hds} of Tabacco is come hither from Maryland (where Bond was given to go directly to England) to stop a Leak. The Owners hired out the Master because he would proceed on his Voyage and intend to unload it and send it abroad.

A Ketch is now gone to Bilbao loaden with Fish & Tobacco.

A Ketch lately from Maryland with Tobacco came in here having given Bond there. The Master has left her, and another Master is gone with her to Holland.

Broadstreets

Broadstreets Officers Seized upon a Barrell of Brandy from Newfoundland, the Owner told Broadstreet if he did not Order the Delivery of it, he would bring a hundred men and put him out of his Governm^t telling him they had put S^r Edmond Andros &c. in prifon for hindring their Trading &c.

They know not how to keep their People in Quiet much longer finding no Charter come as was promifed. Some are for letting us out, others fear the People will put them in, who were the occasions of this trouble.

The Governor is treated moft barbaroufly in a Ground room in the Caſtle very ſmall, no Chimney, every Rain makes a Flood under his bed.

The Governor, Cap^t Palmer and M^r Graham are kept in
To M^r Povey.
8 : Octob^r a lefs place than the roome next the Parke in M^r Blathwayts houſe. The Governor is not allowed Penn or Ink nor any to ſpeak, but his Keeper or Lievtenant to be in the roome.

S^r Edmond Andros is kept in a low damp Roome is very
To M^r Blathwayt
25 : Octob^r much diſordered and will not be able to bear the cold of the winter. I ſee no remedy, tho' ſome have deſired he may be removed to Boſton and have Offered 20000th ſecurity for his forthcoming.

We have now certain Advice that the French from Quebeck intend for Albany next January. I hear the Commiſſioners of the three United Colonies are Projecting to ſend a hundred men to Albany, but cannot agree about it.

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The Boftoners fay they are at 110^{li} a day Charges, but
To Capt. Nicholson
25. October. they know not where to Raife the mony, People
 will not pay one penny in the Country. They
 made a poor Sefs in Bofton, fome of the Faction pay, moft
 refufe, but no remedy.

M^{rs} Palmer has got leave for her husband to be removed
 to Bofton.

The Governor is treated worfe than any of us, kept in a
 low roome, &c. where they have fometimes fix inches of
 Standing water, and their Shoes pull'd off at night, are all
 mouldy next morning.

A Dutch pirat from Curafao, with 40 men, has made up
 his number here to 70 men, bought feveral Barr^{ls} of Powder
 at any price, lyes off ready for the next good Offer, has kept
 in Fairweather a month already. Cap^t George cannot have
 his failes to go out and Secure the Coaft.

Yesterday arrived an Interloper from Scotland, he pretends
 he cleared at Whitehaven, But I know the contrary, for he
 went from hence loaden with Tobacco without giving Bond
 in July laft.

He relates that the New-England Charter was paffed, and
 in poffeffion of M^r Mather, &c. The Government here re-
 joice exceedingly upon this Report, talk of nothing now but
 Trying and Executing the Governor, Myself, &c.

[*Endorfed*] Abstract of M^r Randolph
 letters to . . .

FROM

FROM M^R. RANDOLPH TO THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 119.

From y^e Common Goal in
New Algeires Oct : 25 : 89.

My Lord,

By M^r. Ratcliffe y^r Lordsh^p had an account of y^e Generall Infurrection of this poeple, occasioned by the instigation of M^r. Morton & others of that faction, as also the imprisoning S^r. Edm^d. Andros my selfe & feuerall of the Councill, with many of y^e Inhabitants of this town, for being of y^e Communion of y^e Church of Eng^d. M^r. Mathers booke ag^t y^e Common Prayer (by M^r. Ratcliffe to y^r Lordsh^p) managed by y^e Ministers has perswaded the poeple that wee were Idolaters & therefore not fitt to be intrusted longer wth y^e Gom^t that was One very plaufable Argument to sett them at worke. By the inclosed Duplicates of my letters sent to y^e Lords of y^e Committee for Trade, y^r Lordsh^p will find our State very much Altred, & that those who were made to be ag^t S^r. Edm^d. Andros, discovering y^e fraud & finding Nothing but Losses in their trade & confusion & disorder to follow, are impatient till orders come from England for the settlement of the Country, & to putt them in a Condition to defend themselves from y^e french & Indians. I haue this day Certaine advise that the french intend to attack Albany in January next, when the Lakes & Rivers betwixt that & Quebeck on y^e River of Canada are all frozen. I question not but they will take it, vnlesse Orders arriue from Eng^d tyme enough to prevent them. I humbly inclose to y^r Lordsh^p some papers which are well liked of by the moderate poeple :

poeples: Copyes of the paper called the present state of N. Eng^d stated etc: has been sent to divers of the Ministers, but make little Impression vpon them, nor has any one of them offered to answere any part of it. Your Lordsh^p will do an Act of extraordinary Justice & favour as well to all those who are now vnder close Confinem^t as to others also who are great Sufferers by this revolt, that after y^r Lordsh^p has pleased to appoint the perusal thereof with such emendations as are necessary to be made, that it may be directed by Authority to be printed in Eng^d with their libellory Declaration prefix'd, & severall Copyes transmitted heither & ordered to be distributed where necessary. I may not omit to inclose to y^r Lordsh^p a Sermon preached & published by young M^r Mather, discovered to be y^e Abettor (if not y^e Author) of a Scandalous libell dispersed 3 months before the Revolt, which prevented his being proceeded against for that & y^e booke ag^t the Common prayer (at least for causing it to be printed) the Court following. This man (but more openly) with M^r Morton & others of that Gang are very active in promoting the practice as well as y^e Antimonarchicall principles, & will oppose all Commands from their Ma^{ties} which will not serve their Interest (but by them called the Interest of Jesus Christ). It's now about a yeare & halfe ago Since M^r Morton preached at Charles Town, encouraging his hearers to waite with patience, telling them, That tho' their former Magistrates were laid aside for a while, 'twould not be long but God would restore them etc. Their Ministers have perswaded them that their Charter Could not be violated, & therefore the vacating it by proceffe at law was altogether an illegall act, & that it still continues as valid & firm

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as euer: & that all the lawes made purfuant to that Charter are as binding as at the tyme of their making: that by their Charter they had an absolute power to Elect once a yeare all their Civill & Military officers, & alfo thereby impowred to refist & withftand any who fhould attempt the alteration of it: & from thence they Conclude, That K: James his fending S^r Edm^d Andros with a Commiffion for y^e Gom^t. of this Country & 100 Souldiers to mann the Caftle & forts, was an open & hostile Invaſion made vpon them & their libertyes, & that they wanted but onely an oppertunity to affert their Charter Right by force to deſtroy all who oppoſed them. At the tyme wee were feized vpon they told vs wee were priſoners of warr & to this day Continue a Gard of ffoot Souldiers vpon vs, & euery night relieue their Gards & beat the Tattoo as if Boſton were a Garrifon Town. They are ſome tymes for trying vs by a Court Martiall, but would be glad to haue M^r Mather with their freinds returnd with their Charter. The Refolues of the Representatiues which I alfo incloſe ſhew y^r Lordſ^p that in all this tyme they cannot find anything to charge ag^t S^r Edm^d Andros myſelfe & others but the breach of their Capitall Law. My Lord this poeple haue quite vnmaſkd themſelues & diſcouerd the whole intregue of their Chriſtian policy: that they are in plain Engliſh an hypocriticall wicked & By-gothed poeple, following their miniſters with a moſt zealous & implicate faith: & now all impartiall Eyes may ſee, that force is the Onely Argument to convince & oblige them to a dutyfull & intire Submiſſion to y^e Crown & the lawes of England: & that No man of y^e Church of Eng^d. or of any other perſwaſion in matters of Religion different from theirs of the Congregationall

gregationall way can be safe: nor can this plantation thriue
 or be of advantage to England, vntill some of the principle
 promoters & Actōrs in this Rebellion receiue their meritts.
 S^r Edm^d Andros Commands me when I write for Eng^d to
 present his humble duty to y^r Lordsh^p he is in danger to be
 starud this winter with Cold being kept in a very Damp
 low Room in y^e Castle without a fire herth: vnlesse shipping
 speedy arriue from England. Humbly praying for y^e Con-
 tinuance of your Lordsh^{ps} favour & blessing I remaine in all
 Duty

your Lordsh^{ps}

most humble & most

obedient Seru^t

EDRANDOLPH.

~~this is by Mr Wallis Meret a person of~~
~~Creditt who will be able to inform y^r Lordsh^p~~
 [sic] perticulery of the Affaires of this place: to
 whom I humbly referr your Lordsh^p

to my Lord of London.

[*Addressed*] To the Right Hon^{ble}
 & Right Reverend ffather
 in God: Henry Lord
 Bishop of London.

[*Endorsed*] N: England
 25 Oct: 1689.
 From M^r Randolph
 To the Bishop of London.
 Rec^d 25 Feb. 89/90.
 Mather & Morton.

LETTER FROM M^r. RANDOLPH TO THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

State Papers, Board of Trade, New England, Vol. 5. p. 121.

Oct. 26. 1689.

My Lord

The inclosed are y^e printed papers mentioned in myne of yesterday to your Lordship. Not long since Major Howard a man of a good estate declared in his will that he was of y^e Communion of the Church of England, & made Collonell Lidgett & M^r. ffoxcroft his Executors, both of Our church & men of very good estates. He soon after dyed & they had a Graue made in y^e Buriing place by our church & intended to bury him there & to haue the Office of the Buriall read (as he had appointed also in his will). But his wife, with the advise of M^r. Moode one of our Independent preachers, had a graue made for him at y^e North Church Buriing place: & M^r. Moode sent word to the Executors that he would haue men enough ready in the street to shew them the place of his buriall; & accordingly he was buried as Moode had directed: thus Imperious are the Godly poeple of N: England grown already, who will take vpon them to dispose of the dead as well as they do of the living. I inclose to y^r Lordsh^p a Copy of y^e Warr^t to Our Keeper made halfe a yeare after our Imprisonm^t & his executing that office without either Order or Commission for the same. I humbly obserue, that they keep to their form of words in their printed Declaration "what Justice shall be ordred from Our Soverain Lord & Lady K: William & Q: Mary with y^e parlm^t of Eng^d." intending thereby that they will not admitt of & acquiesce in their Ma^{ties} Orders vnlesse they find also

also the assent of y^e Parlm^t which is not to bee imputed to their Ignorance, but intended for a plain Evasion vnlesse such orders favour their late proceedings.

Those resolues inclosed in mine of yesterday to y^r Lordsh^p Conclude that S^r Edm^d Andros My selfe are not Baylable: in this Warr^t to y^e Keeper they allow them selues a latitude of Judging who shall be baylable: for y^e Representatiues are part of y^e Convention, & nothing is done or approved valid without their Consent. By these idle & impertinent practices your Lordsh^p sees in what a miserable condition the Inhabitants of this plantation will be brought to should they haue their Charter so much wanted. I am

y^r Lordsh^{ps}
most obedient seru^t

EDRANDOLPH.

[*Addressed*]

To the Right Hon^{ble}
& Right Reverend ffather
in God: Henry Lord
Bishop of London.

humbly present
by M^r Wallis

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